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'OUR LIVES ARE HERE'

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It's a tenuous time for affected foreign workers who are employed in much needed jobs in Commonwealth, as they stare down impending departure dates from island with their permits expiring, if they haven't left already.

» Foreign workers, supporters cry out against deportation

Crowds of Filipino, Chinese, Korean, and other community groups gathered at the Kilili Beach yesterday, waving signs roadside to the honking of cars and gathering under the pavilions where they aired their concerns and showed solidarity with one another.

Many affected workers want a permanent or improved status for their longtime and legal contributions to the Commonwealth. Some waived signs asking for "humanitarian parole" for those workers who will have to leave because of rejected permits under a CW cap that has been breached. And others say they just want to continue to work, while some just want to be able to stay with their families and children.

Alma Ibay has two children—one turning 5 and the other turning 10 years old this year. She says her common-law husband's permit also expires in Aug. 8, with her a few days later on Aug. 12.

She says she doesn't know what's going to happen to her daughters, who are U.S. citizens.

"It's very hard for us," she said, breaking down into tears. "Because you know we have kids affected with this prob-

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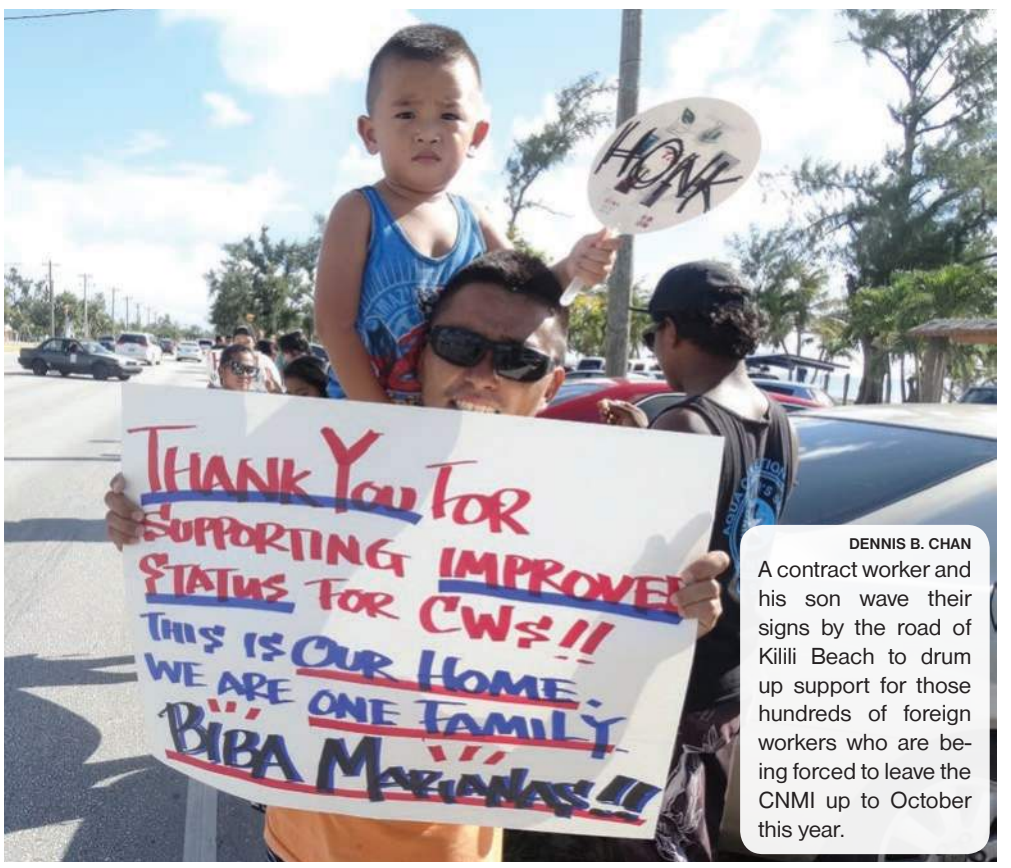

DENNIS B. CHAN
A contract worker and his son wave their signs by the road of Kilili Beach to drum up support for those hundreds of foreign workers who are being forced to leave the CNMI up to October this year.

Philippine senator to convey *kababayans'* concerns to DFA

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Philippine Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara would convey all the issues and concerns of his countrymen in the CNMI to the proper agencies when he returns to Manila. The young lawmaker from Aurora province in the island of Luzon was on Saipan for a four-day visit.

Angara was on island to attend the Philippine Independence Day weekend with yesterday being the 118th year commemoration of the country's declaration of independence from Spanish colonial rule *(See story on Page 14)*.

The CW-1 issue that Filipino guest workers are currently experiencing and bringing back a Philippine Consulate office in the CNMI are some of the topics discussed during the open forum held yesterday after the proclamation signing reaffirming the CNMI and the Philippines'

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JON PEREZ
Philippine Sen. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara speaks in yesterday's commemoration of the 118th Philippine Independence Day celebration and proclamation signing of the CNMI-Philippines Friendship month at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort.

Kilili's CW bill to include call for improved status

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said Friday that he will be adding a call for improved status for longtime foreign workers in the NMI, forming a unified front with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres after Torres shifted toward the position during 902 talks in the Washington, D.C. last week.

"I made a commitment to Governor Torres that I would introduce legislation that reflects and supports the Commonwealth's 902 position on how to address our critical immigration and labor needs, and I will honor that commitment," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in an email Friday.

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Sixth grader Aljanah Joan F. Manabat led the graduates of Green Meadow School's 6th Elementary and 13th Kindergarten Commencement Exercise.

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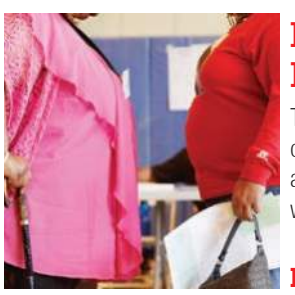

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The nation's obesity epidemic continues to grow, led by an alarming increase among women.

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Hours after she died, Christina Grimmie's face still beamed from a selfie video she had posted online inviting everyone to be there for her concert Friday night.

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MT. CARMEL HOLDS GRADUATION

'High school is the easiest part of your life'

JON PEREZ

Members of the 2016 gradating high school class of Mt. Carmel School were presented to members of the school board of directors and officials.

JON PEREZ

CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa-Kim Tenorio delivers the keynote address in last Saturday's Mt. Carmel School graduating high school class of 2016 at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

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CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio told Mt. Carmel School's 2016 graduating class that high school is the easiest part of their lives and they should be prepared to face harder things that life may bring.

"My purpose is to inspire you, give you advice, and prepare you for life's journey ahead. High school is the easiest part of your lives. Now, life has just begun to all of you," said Tenorio, the chosen Commencement speaker of the Class of 2016.

She added last Saturday's ceremony at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral is another graduation on the part of each stage of their lives.

"From baby food, you move to adult food. From crawling, you learn to walk. From Kindergarten, you advance to first grade. From tee-ball, you move to baseball, and from spanking, parents learn to talk and reason with you."

"This is the result of the 12 years of education, of failures and accomplishments. Now, there are much hard things ahead of you. Use these life's lessons in what direction you would take," added Kim-Tenorio.

She said that some might figure a lot of things on their own with lots of failure and pain. "You can't celebrate just yet. The titles you received will soon lose significance as you go on. Be prepared to become an overachiever."

"I leave you with two things. One, don't forget to thank your parents and guardians; they sacrificed a lot for you. Second, learn to volunteer to your community, it is your duty of giving back," said Tenorio, who surprised everyone with a mic drop that also drew cheers from the high school class.

Jonathan Reyes Pangelinan, who will be going to Seattle University, was the class valedictorian with Chapman University-bound Cathryn Jane Albuen Javier as salutatorian. Thomas Lee Atalig Manglona II, a Millennium Gates Scholar who would attend University of California in Berkeley, led the departmental and subject awardees.

Manglona, the first honor, received awards for English Language Arts, Social Science, and Theology as well as the Bishop Tomas A. Camacho Christian Service, Governor's Leadership, and President's Award for Meritorious Achievement.

Pangelinan earned the Science, Digital Art, and Drama awards, while Javier got the Mathematics award with Han Byeol Pak. Mikiya Takahashi was the Foreign Language recipient, Lance Vincent Quitugua Deleon Guerrero the Speech awardee, and Markel Deion Retan Toves (Male) and Janika Therese Terlaje Taimanao (Female) the Physical/Health Education awards.

Emiri Angela Iwai (second honor), Amalina Delamona Lifoifoi Evangelisa (third honor), Han (fourth honor), Hyun Woo Jo (fifth honor), Kiyoun Kim (sixth honor), Min Gyu Kim (seventh honor), Jieun Bang (eighth honor), Taimanao (ninth honor), and Deleon Guerrero (10th honor) are the other academic awardees.

Iwai was also the Most Outstanding Female Award recipient with Bang duplicating the feat for the U.S. Marines Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence. Taimanao and Quinn Ely Ebuen Amog were the U.S. Marines Semper Fidelis Award recipients for Distinguished Athletes.

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Torres vetoed sugar tax before DC trip

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Turns out, the controversial bill to raise taxes on sodas, sugar powders, and syrups had already been vetoed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres before the House of Representatives' voted to "recall" the controversial bill from the governor's desk last week.

Torres vetoed the bill on June 2, before he left for meetings in Washington, D.C., but the House had voted to recall the bill on June 7.

This was made clear in the formal transmittal letter on the Torres veto last Friday, on the June 11 deadline to act on the bill.

Acting governor Victor Hocog wrote that he was aware that the House adopted the motion to recall the bill, also known as the "Health Impact Sugar Tax, which would have raised taxes on sugar sweetened beverages, syrups, and powders by 4 cents.

"While the action was noted, I regret to inform you that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has already taken action on the bill…by disapproving it," Hocog said in the June 11 letter to the Legislature, in which Torres' veto message is enclosed.

"While I do not dispute the bill's intent, which is to improve overall community health, I have concerns with the bill in its current form," Torres said.

Torres said the bill did not include any provisions that actually created a "special healthcare impact account"—where the funds from the tax would be deposited for health programs.

Nor did the bill, Torres added, specify whether the account is a component of the general fund, meaning for appropriations or as an earmark.

Torres said, quoting this bill, that the sugar tax bill would have "interest and penalties collected on the taxes imposed…be deposited in the" special account," and that, "60 percent of the revenues collected shall be allocated and deposited in the Special Healthcare Impact account and divided as follows...."

But Torres said this was a "fundamental flaw."

"Funds cannot be deposited into an account that does not exist," he said, going on to refer to law that correctly created revolving funds for solid waste management and others.

Torres goes on to say that "there is no clear evidence" that the tax would not be overly punitive for businesses and consumers.

"While this bill has warranted my veto, it does not mean we should stop having the necessary discussions about the health and welfare of our community. I want to make it clear that it is a priority of my administration to promote a healthy and prosperous community and will genuinely offer my assistance to the Legislature and the stakeholders in creating legislation that offers comprehensive solutions to the health problems affecting our islands," Torres said.

Blanco elected as Zoning Board chair for fourth time in row

Diego C. Blanco was elected on Thursday as CNMI Zoning Board chairman again, taking the helm for the fourth time in a row.

Members of the Zoning Board also elected Bruce Bateman as vice chairman, Joe Ayuyu Jr. as secretary, and Mariano Taitano as treasurer.

"I am so honored that my colleagues re-elected me again. I thank them for their confidence in me," Blanco told *Saipan Tribune.*

Blanco said the chairman is a difficult position especially when there is a controversial issue.

"But we do our best to work within the [Zoning] code as well as work with the Zoning Office," said Blanco, adding that all board members are volunteers.

The board still needs three more members. Board members elect their officers every year.

The chairman said to be a board member is really a thankless job as they can't please everybody.

Asked about the board's priorities this year, Blanco said Garapan is getting too congested and that they are suggesting "something" to the Legislature on their next meeting. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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lem. And we cannot leave them! We tell them about our situation but it's hard for them to understand it's because they're still very young."

Alma Ibay has been on island for 23 years and works in a restaurant in Garapan. But there was "no more space" for her permit, referring to the federal cap on contact workers. Her daughter, Cassandra Fernandez, meanwhile also is worried.

Cassandra joined her mother and broke down in tears when speaking about their predicament. "It's horrible," she said. "Because my mom says they are going to the Philippines with my sister but they are leaving me here. They're going to let me stay with someone so I can continue my school."

"I cannot accept it. It's hard, it's hard," Ibay said.

Another parent, Chen Aliang, who works in a mom and pop store on island, says he has four kids—16, 12, 8, and 4 years of age—who are all U.S. citizens. His permit expires in August.

Stressing the "safety" of his family, he said, "We waiting [to] get some good news for us. So we can still stay."

Ana Chan, representing the Chinese Association of Saipan, says they are thankful for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and legislators for their understanding and support. Most or many of the Chinese that have come to Saipan, came more than five or 10 to 30 years ago, she said. And they've been satisfied working, having families, and staying on Saipan.

"And we want them to be respected and to be treated fairly. For those that are CW workers in the CNMI, we sincerely ask the federal government to treat us fairly and hopefully" prioritize CW permits "based on the seniority of the years they have been here," she said,

Chan said the Chinese market now is blooming and the community needs workers to help develop the island. She thinks some 800 in the Chinese community are affected and will be forced to leave. She claims that hundreds have left already "And we have a different story for the families. Leaving Saipan, what are they going to do with the kids and the house and the car?" she said. "We want the federal government to give us a fair chance… a status for us to stay on Saipan."

One roadside waiver, Rain Baco, believes she is fortunate that her husband's approved permit allows her to fall under it as CW-2.

"I just got so lucky," she said. Rain has a daughter and says she's been here for 11 years. She says affected friends "have no choice" but to leave, as they have no families and are single.

"I just want to show support. I'm here with my *nanay* and *tatay* (dad and mom). They are green card holders. They want improved status or "something where we are able to stay," she said. "Because this our home, for me for almost 11 years, so my life is here."

'Unconscionable'

Affected contract workers offered salient critiques of a federal government agencies that took over local immigration but did not put in place procedures prioritize or "take care" of long-time workers over thousands of new applicants, a bulk of which have been for construction companies this fiscal year that could have been urged to seek other visa classes.

Shafiqul Islam works in the private sector and has been in the NMI for 20 years. His permit expires in August. And he believes it's up to Sablan and Torres to "put the things on the table" as to their options. He says his permit was rejected under the breached cap.

"I want to fix this problem. I want them to give us something permanently. Why not, we come here legally. We stay legally. So what's the problem?"

Islam has an 18-year-old son, and spoke about how workers have drummed up support for improved status "a long time ago," even before the federal takeover of immigration and the transition worker program.

"We experience the same thing ever year. We are frustrated and upset. Twenty years I am already outside of my country. I stay here 20 years, I pay tax, I work nicely, our company likes us, and suddenly they [close] the door without notice that no CW will be renewed? How is it?

"It's my number. My seat. My chair," he said. "Then suddenly, they say, you are removed from your chair. Why? What is the reason?" he said.

"Overnight, can they bring someone and replace my position? They need experience. We are the experience. They say, 'you are out.' What? There [are] no rules, no regulations, and no policy? I've been longtime here."

He wants the federal government to show them compassion. "At least give us something to stay. We've given our young lives to serve here. If I go back to Bangladesh—and see the political turmoil in Bangladesh—nobody knows me because I am stranger. Here, I know everybody. Everyone says hello. I feel secure with my life"

He calls existing policy and law that forces those with jobs on island to leave "inhuman," especially U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' notice that workers should leave no longer than 10 days after their permits expire.

"Ten days?" Islam said. "You have 20 years, a family, and 10 days you can…" he said, snapping a finger, "go?"

"Where we are going to ship our family? I having nothing over there," he said, referring to his home country.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) came out to show his support for those who "helped build the CNMI from the ground up." "[The workers] deserve to be heard. Whether it's improved status or extension of the [contract worker] program, we need to start somewhere and not just get rid of them. As much as we want the workforce to be a 100-percent U.S. citizens or locals, the reality is it's not possible. We don't have that pool. The United States also relies on labor from outside the country. We have to keep that in mind." The transition worker program expires in 2019.

Local supporter Glen Hunter says he is thankful for the longtime workers and demands that the federal government take care of those who have stayed here legally.

"It's been six years of federal immigration overview of the CNMI and we have people out here who have worked 18, 20, 30 years that are being told that they are going to have to leave. And that's unconscionable. It's disgusting. These are people that if truthfully if nothing is done, if the federal government just sits on this, they are going to be displaced from the CNMI and that's wrong. That's wrong anywhere. I'm an American and that's not what America is about," he said, while handing out water to supporters.

On the issue of foreign workers in the economy, Hunter believes the last time the federal government let such a large foreign population stay and work for their economy without a true voice was during the days of slavery. "And that should shake the fundamentals of anyone who holds a U.S. passport," he said.

Oleg Tchernychenko's permit expires in August and he currently works on geothermal projects on island. He says they are trying to bring affordable energy to the NMI, but "it doesn't matter what you do because there are some rules and lawyers advise you cannot stay."

"July 1, 1997 was my first working day on this island," he said. "I never thought I should ask for some special status" but it "should be recognizable because we are productive members of the economy we have now, where more members, the better."

"We shoulder gas rates, power rates, food rates, everything. You reduce the population you suffer." The local utility has not enough customers right now and "you want to cut another 10,000" from the population?

Noting that the Soviet Union suffered millions of deaths in World War II but only lost "17.5" percent of its population, Tchernychenko, who is from Russia, said the CNMI would lose even a larger percentage in the 10,000 workers under the program which by law must be reduced to zero workers by 2019.

"Now we are facing a reduction of population by 25 percent in three years and what can we expect? I call it depopulization, such a policy is applied to foe nations, when one wants to subdue it. But this is a U.S. territory. This is done by the U.S. federal government to a U.S. economy? I just don't understand it."

"I don't want begging. It's productive to increase population. We have every year around 600 boys and girls graduating [from high school.] In 10 years, it will be 6,000. You want to replace 10,000" workers? How can we run this economy successfully if there are no people? Just let us work. We don't ask anything. Just let us work, pay taxes, and be productive members of society."

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Sablan was set to introduce a bill last week to extend the contract worker transition program past 2019, reset the CW-1 cap, and link CW-1 job classifications to the CNMI prevailing wage system, a bill he said was drafted based on extensive discussions with the governor, Commonwealth lawmakers, and other stakeholders in the community.

This week, however, with the beginning of 902 consultations, Torres formally added to his position paper a request for lawful permanent status for long-term third country nationals in the Northern Marianas, among other measures.

Thus, Sablan says he will send the draft legislation back to the House counsel to make the changes necessary so that the bill is consistent with the governor's 902 position.

"I have long supported providing a pathway to lawful permanent status for eligible long-term third country nationals in our community. I introduced legislation two years ago to provide that pathway, and made sure that the Commonwealth was included in comprehensive immigration reform bills that were under consideration in Congress," Sablan said. "Unfortunately at the time, many Commonwealth officials, including the previous governor, objected to improved status, and the political climate in Congress was also unfavorable."

"But governor Torres," Sablan went on to say, "supported my legislation back when he was still Senator Torres. I appreciate his efforts and partnership then and now, and will continue to work with him to support the Commonwealth's long-term strategy to strengthen our workforce and families in order to meet our economic development goals. Status for long-term third country nationals is one part of this strategy. Getting more U.S. workers trained and hired and supporting them through programs like the Earned Income Tax Credit, are also critical to our success."

"Addressing the Commonwealth's workforce needs in a sustainable way is a complex and difficult task. It will require cooperation among the Commonwealth's leaders at all levels of government, and also among members of our business community, members of our workforce, and our educational and vocational training institutions," Sablan said.

The first round of 902 talks wrapped up in the nation's capital last week and another round of talks with federal officials from the departments of Interior and Defense, among others, is set for this week back in the Northern Marianas, with plans for a trip to Pagan, a proposed military training site.

The talks last week centered on immigration and labor issues and U.S. military projects in the NMI, with priority given to the hundreds of employees and longtime workers who will be forced to leave island by the end of the fiscal year due to the breached cap on contract workers reached this year, the first time it as ever happened but not the last time if no "administrative fixes," as 902 officials call it, are made on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services side, the body regulating the contract worker program.

Torres presented these fixes in a position paper to federal officials led by DOI assistant secretary Esther Kia'aina last week and also discussed the issue with USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez.

Sablan and Torres' unified call for improved status joins a bilateral push in Congress and through the federal government for these changes in administrative policy, but how fast these changes can be made is yet to be seen.

Among others, Torres called for a revision of the cap on contract workers this fiscal year to a revised number of 13,998. USCIS originally reduced the cap by 1,000 last year down to 12,999. But Torres has asked that this reduction be shrunk to 1 contract worker to open up applicant space as one of the many remedies to ease the strain of the affected workers' departure on the economy.

If effected, USCIS would be expected to accept permits and because permits are pending, the petitioners would be legally allowed a 240-day grace period that would bring them to the next fiscal year where they can apply again without being forced to leave.

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long-term friendship.

The former three-term representative of Aurora province, who is the Senate Foreign Affairs and Tourism committees vice chair, said he would personally write to DFA Secretary Jose Rene Almendras.

"Immediately after my return to Manila, I would write to [Sec. Almendras] to convey all the issues and concerns brought up to me personally by our countrymen here in the CNMI. This includes the controversial setting up of an annual working visa quotas to contract workers in the CNMI."

He added that he would still push through in informing President Benigno Simeon Aquino III about the issues his *kababayans* in the CNMI are facing even with his term about to end on June 30. He is hopeful that the incoming administration of President Rodrigo Duterte would also discuss the issues.

"I would likely prod the executive department to seek an audience with the U.S. Embassy in Manila to bring up this matter. The idea here is for our side to be heard," said Angara, the first Filipino senator to visit Saipan.

He added that he remains optimistic a long lasting solution would come out. "The U.S. government is and will always be an ally of the Philippines. I am optimistic that the solution to all of this is not too far in sight."

Angara said a lot of Filipinos had found work in the CNMI and became integral parts of the community with some getting married to locals. "We had a shared history and heritage. The Chamorros and Filipinos are brothers and sisters."

Angara also paid acting governor Victor B. Hocog a courtesy call a few hours after arriving on Saipan. They discussed bilateral talks between the two nations, particularly some of the problems that Filipino contract workers are currently experiencing.

He added that he would convey the invitation of Hocog to other members of Philippine Congress to visit the CNMI to learn more about the Commonwealth and meet the Filipino community here, which comprises a third of the population.

Suspected 'ice' supplier arrested in Garapan

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested on Thursday a man allegedly engaged in selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Rui Wei Huang, 41, also known as JCC Brother and Brother No-No, was served with an arrest warrant for trafficking of controlled substance and illegal possession of controlled substance.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $54,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for June 15 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Huang. Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government.

DETF Officer Rudolph C. Sablan Jr. stated in his report that he, along with some DETF members met with their "cooperating source" last May 4 to prepare for a controlled purchase of "ice" from Huang.

Sablan said their "cooperating source" managed to buy $340 worth of "ice" from Huang inside a car in the parking lot of JCC Laundromat in Garapat that same day.

Sablan said the same "cooperating source" purchased $120 worth of "ice" from Huang during the second buy-walk operation at the same location last May 11.

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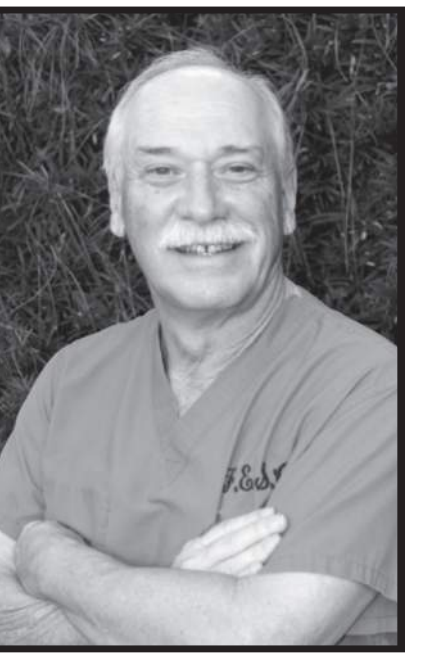

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Surgical tool left in patient's abdomen, found after almost 14 years

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REPORTER

A surgical team allegedly left a 15-centimeter long surgical clamp in the abdomen of a patient during surgery to address her irregular periods and ovarian cysts at the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan in August 2000. It was in June 2014—or almost 14 years later—when the surgical clamp was discovered and removed at Guam Memorial Hospital.

Following the CHC surgery, the patient, Remedio Elameto, claimed to have experienced irregular periods, pain, fatigue, sleep disruption, interference with her activities of daily living, and reduced interest and ability to enjoy activities she had previously engaged in.

Elameto and her common-law husband, Pedro Pua, are suing the CNMI government and two former CHC doctors Rajee Iyer and Gary Ramsey for medical malpractice, bad faith, and emotional distress and loss of consortium.

Elameto and Pua, through counsel Claire Kelleher-Smith, asked the Superior Court to hold the defendants liable to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees. They demanded a jury trial.

The plaintiffs also requested the court to issue a declaration that the liability limitations of the Government Liability Act are unconstitutional because such limits deny tort victims such as them, equal protection of the laws.

According to Smith in the lawsuit, during the CHC surgery on Aug. 2, 2000, Elameto was placed under general anesthesia and hospital employees cut open her abdomen and performed an exploratory laparotomy. They removed cysts from her fallopian tubes.

» Couple suing CNMI govt and 2 former CHC doctors

Iyer was the primary surgeon and Ramsey provided assistance.

Smith said while Elameto was unconscious and enduring the surgery, CHC employees closed her abdomen without removing the 15-centimeter long surgical instrument.

Smith said Elameto attended follow-up appointments at CHC, however, she did not feel better after the surgery and was not comfortable returning to the hospital for treatment.

When her daughter moved to Guam, Elameto took the opportunity to stay with her and seek medical treatment.

Smith said Elameto visited a gynecologist in Guam who referred her to Dr. Friedrich Bieling at Guam Memorial Hospital.

Bieling scheduled a total abdominal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oopherectomy.

Smith said, however, on June 10, 2014, as Bieling was performing the surgery on Elameto, he discovered a cystic mass "buried under dense adhesions and covered with a layer of dense adhesions" that was "difficult to dissect and retract."

Bieling discovered a "solid object" buried inside and "it was found to be a hemostat left from previous surgery."

Bieling required the assistance of a second surgeon, Dr. Ronald Kobayashi, to remove the adhesions and what was discovered to be a 15-centimeter long hemostat.

Kobayashi had to perform a partial omentectomy to remove the hemostat.

Smith said the CNMI was negligent in failing to have standard procedures in place to protect against leaving foreign objects in the bodies of patients after surgery.

Smith said the staff and employees of CHC and Iyer and Ramsey failed to record and track the instruments used during surgery so that each instrument would be removed from Elameto's body.

Elameto submitted her claim to the CNMI, by presenting it to the CNMI Attorney General on March 1, 2016.

Smith said despite the incontestable negligence of CHC employees and the indisputable harm to Elameto—including the need for an additional surgery, the records of which were provided to the Office of the Attorney General—the AG denied her claim.

Smith said the AG, through the deputy AG, asserted that Elameto's claim is barred by the two-year statute of limitations, even through Elameto brought her claim less than two years after she discovered the negligence of CHC's surgeons and employees, and less than two years after she had the hemostat removed from her body.

Smith said the deputy AG stated that Elameto did not exercise "reasonable diligence" in discovering that CHC employees left a surgical instrument in her body.

"This denial of Remedio's claim is unreasonable, malicious, made in bad faith, and made with a reckless disregard of her rights," the lawyer pointed out.

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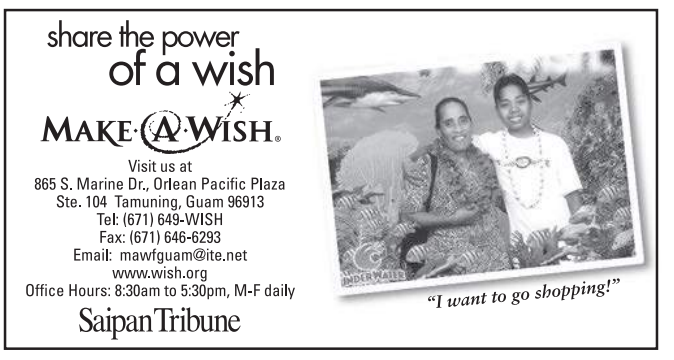

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-015

NMC 1.0 MG WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of a new transmission line between the new NMC tank and existing Kannat Tabla tank; removal of existing fiberglass tanks, 1.0 Million Gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances at the NMC tank site; additional boring, design and construction of the new NMC 1.0 Million Gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new NMC water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; installation of a new booster pump (triplex system) with back-up generator at the NMC tank site; construction of a new chlorination station at the NMC tank site; construction of a new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting at NMC tank site; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 420 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-015, Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) June 21, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 1, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Jurors to continue deliberations today in the case against Tydingco couple

Manglona

Federal court jurors are expected to resume their deliberations today, Monday, in the trial of couple Francisco Muna Tydingco and Lili Zhang Tydingco, who are accused of harboring an illegal alien child.

The jurors started deliberating on Friday morning. They were seen leaving the U.S. District Court for the NMI at 4:35pm after the judge ordered them to come back today, Monday, to continue their deliberations.

The jurors are going to decide whether the Tydingcos are guilty or not as to one count of harboring an illegal alien.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona presided over the trial that began last Tuesday.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing prosecuted the case. Attorneys Steven Pixley and Bruce Berline are counsel for Francisco Tydingco and Lili Tydingco respectively.

A federal grand jury has indicted the couple for allegedly receiving money to harbor two illegal Chinese aliens, including the child they enrolled at a public school.

The indictment charged the Tydingcos with two counts of harboring illegal alien. The prosecution dismissed one count pertaining to the child's uncle after the government completed calling its witnesses.

According to Homeland Security Investigations Task Force officer Jesse Dubrall, the child's purported uncle, Rongxue Liu, stated in an interview that he paid Lili Tydingco $7,000 in exchange for helping him enter into a fake marriage and obtain a green card.

Dubrall said the parents of the child admitted that they agreed to pay Lili Tydingco between $15,000 and $20,000 to take their child to Saipan and get her a green card.

Dubrall said the Tydingcos went to China in September 2013 and returned to Saipan with the then-10-year-old Chinese girl on Sept. 26, 2013.

Liu arrived on Saipan from China on July 25, 2015, according to the prosecution.

In Francisco Tydingco's closing arguments on Thursday, defense attorney Pixley said most of the time he remained quiet in the courtroom and that this is because he did not hear evidence against his client.

Pixley said this case is a frightening example of the U.S. government using its vast resources and power against an innocent man.

In Lili Tydingco's closing arguments, defense counsel Berline said the prosecution horribly failed in this case. He said the prosecution stated that there are no shortcuts in life, but made 100 shortcuts in evidence.

In the U.S. government's closing arguments, Lorfing said it is clear that they met the burden to prove beyond reasonable doubt to the offense of harboring an illegal alien and asked the jurors to find the Tydingcos guilty. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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GMS holds elementary, kindergarten graduation

Sixth grader Aljanah Joan F. Manabat led the graduates of Green Meadow School's 6th Elementary and 13th Kindergarden Commencement Exercise held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Hall last Saturday.

Manabat was the valedictorian of GMS' Class of 2016 and in her valedictory address encouraged her fellow graduates not to give up whatever situation they may face in the future.

"We may not know what will happen in the future. There will be success and failures, but whatever comes our way, we should never give up. Thomas Edison failed a lot of times while doing his inventions, but that did not stop him from keep on trying," Manabat said.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Ryan Matthew C. Macaranas receives his graduation certificate from Green Meadow School principal Mila Songcuan, left.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The elementary school graduates of Green Meadow School listen to keynote speaker and First Lady Diann Torres during their commencement exercise held last Saturday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Hall.

Joining Manabat on the graduates list in the elementary school were salutatorian Angeline Norcio, Rownel Jody Coloma, Rayven Daca, Eonzen Dela Paz, Ashley Kate Palacios, and Earl Lawrence Salamat. Nineteen K3 and 18 K5 students also participated in GMS' graduation ceremony. GMS president and principal Milagros Songcuan presented the candidates for graduation, while the school's chairman of the board of directors, Ador Songcuan, confirmed the graduates.

First lady Diann Torres was the keynote speaker in the ceremony and urged the graduates to be good in whatever they do.

"Whatever you are, be a good one. Today, you are a student, so be a good one," Torres said.

To demonstrate how the graduates/students are good ones, the first lady challenged them to sing the missing parts of nursery rhymes, drawing a good reception from both K3 and K5 students. For the elementary graduates, Torres, who used to teach at Saipan Southern High School, fielded them math questions.

"See, these students are good ones. Parents you should be proud," Torres said.

She congratulated the parents of the graduates for all their sacrifices and support to their children.

"This is a special day for parents, too because all the time and efforts you spent preparing your children for school are worth it. Your children are now ready for another journey and I know you will be with them every step of the way," she added.

For her part, Milagros Songcuan, she said the power to reach their dreams is now on the students' hands as they begin a new chapter in their education life. She also quoted Nelson Mandela, who said, "education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- VINCENT A. MANGLONA, BENITA A. MANGLONA, V.B. MANGLONA ENTERPRISES, TONGA GARDENS, PASEO DRIVE INCORPORATED, GUAM ISLA LP GAS AND APPLIANCE and MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC. Defendants.	]	CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0194-CV **NOTICE OF AUCTION**

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, CNMI Marshal, or any other person authorized by law hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the following described, real properties situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple title to:

Tract No. 22102, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2048/77 the original of which was registered 23 APR 79 as Document No. 8162 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Tract No 22214, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3017/87 the original of which was registered 28 FEB 89 as Document No. 89-0624 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 053 R 01, Rota, containing an area of 535 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 053 R 00 the original of which was registered 19 JAN 94 as Document No. 94-0176 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 001 R 07, Rota, containing an area of 836 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00 the original of which was registered 21 NOV 71 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registry, Saipan.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016,** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.

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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the property and any improvements thereon are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 31 day of May, 2016.

/s/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
COMMERCIAL BUILDING LEASE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
CPA-RFP-014-16
ISSUE DATE: MAY 27, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY IS ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (THE "RFP") AND OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR AWARDING A LEASE CONTRACT FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FORMERLY THE "FREEDOM AIR HANGAR" AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SAIPAN, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THIS RFP IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40-50, PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE 40 OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE "NMIAC"). TITLE 40, INCLUDING CHAPTER 40-50-225, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY RFP.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for Public Comment

Amendment of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan for the CNMI to include Homeless Prevention to the Emergency Solutions Grant program

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) will be amending the CNMI's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Action Plan to include Homeless Prevention for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. THe NMHC (grantee) and Karidat Social Services (sub-grantee) has identified that there is a need to include the Homeless Prevention portion to the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan (PY2015). The following table will indicate the reprogramming of funds from the HESG Rapid Rehousing activity to the new HESG Homeless Prevention activity.

Program Year/IDIS No.	Program	Activity Name	Subrecipient	Approved Project Budget	Proposed Reprogramming Amount	Proposed Revised Project Budget	Current IDIS Funded Amount
FROM							
2015/IDIS	HESG	HESG Rapid Rehousing Karidat Social Services	Karidat Social Services	$58,892.15	($29,446.07)	$29,446.08	$58,892.15
Total Reprogrammed from Activities					**($29,446.07)**		
TO							
2015/IDIS NO. - NEW	HESG	HESG Homeless Prevention Karidat Social Services	Karidat Social Services	-$0-NEW	$29,446.07	$29,446.07	-$0-NEW
Total Reprogrammed To Activities	HESG				$29,446.07		

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed amendment. This public notice will run for thirty (30) days and shall end on July 14, 2016. Written and oral comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 14, 2016, at the main office in Garapan. All comments may be relayed to the Planning Division at telephone number (670)234-7689/6866 from Monday through Friday, during regular business hours, except on CNMI holidays. You may email your comments to jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact the Planning Division for assistance.

/s/ Ignacio L. Perez
Acting Chairman
NMHC Board of Directors

BSI donates $1,500 to Crime Stoppers

Since its inception in 1989, the NMI Crime Stoppers continues to be a major community and law enforcement partner. It continues to grow and initiate innovative marketing and outreach programs to promote safety and awareness.

At the same time it has reached out for community support to ensure its continued success. NMI Crime Stoppers board of directors and officers—Ivan Ilmov, chairman Crime Stoppers; Jill Arenovski, director of the Crime Stoppers organization, and Jim Arenovski, board member and regional director of Crime Stoppers—on Friday received that support from Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

BSI donated $1,500 to assist the organization on its daily operating cost in the service of the community.

Also, this year NMI Crime Stoppers will be staging its annual softball tournament, a fundraising sporting event that is expected to draw community support to the organization's programs and activities.

"The annual softball tournament is our only fundraiser of the year. The money goes toward our operating expenses throughout the year including the Internet, computer, programs we use, our sophisticated call system, banners, pamphlets, and materials we give during our school outreach," Jim Arenovski said.

"As for Best Sunshine, we appreciate the fact that they recognize that this is a worthwhile program and we are trying to reduce crime so that Saipan continues to be a great place to work with."

Arenovski added, "We hope to continue this partnership for years into the future." (***PR***)

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Best Sunshine International is supporting the NMI Crime Stoppers, which will help fund their annual Crime Stoppers softball tournament on June 24-26. In this photo, BSI Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz presents to the organization's officers the company's donation. Receiving on behalf of Crime Stoppers were Ivan Ilmov, NMI Crime Stoppers chair; Jill Arenovski, Crime Stoppers director; and Jim Arenovski, board member and regional director of Crime Stoppers.

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Laundry Runner	5
Steward - Kitchen	2

Hospitality	
Administrative Assistant	1
VIP Driver	20
Tour Operator	5

Purchasing	
Manager - Purchasing	1

Finance	
Assistant Vice President / Vice President - Group Taxation	1
Gaming Auditor	3

Food & Beverage	
Hygiene Manager	1
Restaurant Manager - Employee Dining	1
Restaurant Manager - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1

Food & Beverage	
Restaurant Manager - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Chinese	4
Assistant Restaurant Manager - Buffet & All Day Dining	3
Restaurant Supervisor - Chinese	11
Server I	19
Server II	19
Chef de Cuisine - Buffet & All Day Dining	1
Chef de Cuisine - Northern Chinese Restaurant	1
Chef de Cuisine - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	4

Food & Beverage	
Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	2
Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Buffet & All Day Dining	2
Junior Sous Chef - Northern Chinese Restaurant	2
Junior Sous Chef - Cantonese Restaurant	1
Chef de Partie - Buffet & All Day Dining	4
Chef de Partie - Northern Chinese Restaurant	3
Chef de Partie - Cantonese Restaurant	3
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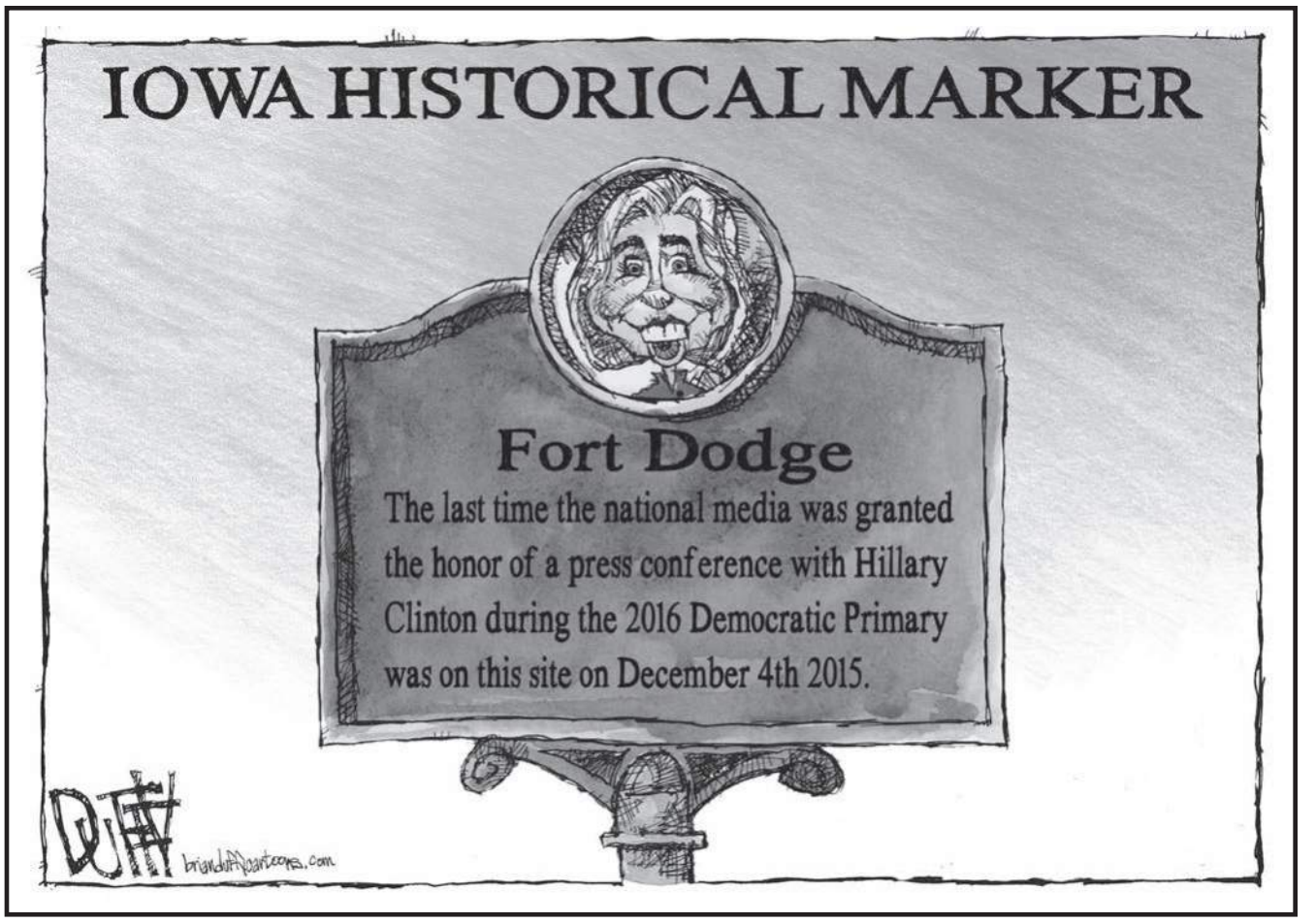
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The last time the national media was granted the honor of a press conference with Hillary Clinton during the 2016 Democratic Primary was on this site on December 4th 2015.

EDITORIAL

Clinton still has questions to answer

Hillary Clinton is safely on her way to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia as the party's presumptive nominee for president, but that doesn't mean she's clinched the deal with skeptical voters.

The former first lady is on the verge of becoming the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party, a historic milestone worthy of celebration. It represents a testament to her energetic pursuit of the prize over almost a decade and her years of valuable experience in public service.

But there's a downside that she can't ignore. Clinton consistently scores badly on favorability ratings. One recent calculation puts her negative rating at 55.5 percent. Neither she nor her supporters should take comfort from the fact that Donald Trump does worse.

There is little she can do to persuade those who harbor irrational hatred for "the Clintons" — and they are legion — to come over to her side. But she's kidding herself if she thinks her negative ratings are just a result of unfavorable or unfair press coverage, or that voters will be willing to give her a pass because she's preferable to Trump.

She can start to deal with the questions voters have by working to clear up doubts about the private email controversy, which remains under scrutiny by the FBI. Clinton has tried to laugh it off as no big deal, but the 83-page report by the State Department Inspector General issued last month makes clear that this was not a mere oversight.

—The department had issued a variety of clear guidelines against using unofficial communications to ensure the proper preservation and avoid cybersecurity risks. Secretary Clinton ignored the guidelines.

—Officials were told to ask the department's IT experts for help with sensitive communications outside the official network. Despite the fact that thousands of her messages contained sensitive material, the IG found no evidence that she ever asked for help.

—The department warned diplomatic posts to avoid conducting business on personal accounts. That message was sent out over Clinton's signature — though she herself wasn't following the rules.

At the very least, Clinton displayed careless disregard for standard practice in her email communications. Yes, Secretary of State Colin Powell did much the same during his tenure, but the guidelines were less strict at the time, and the department's technology was weaker. Cybersecurity was less of an issue. It does not excuse Clinton's behavior.

Eventually, the FBI will disclose the results of its investigation. We hope it's soon. Americans deserve answers before the campaign nears the conclusion. But Clinton can help her own case, once and for all, by answering questions in a news conference focused on this issue.

Clinton has not held a real news conference in more than six months. What's that about? She fends off criticism by pointing to the 300-plus interviews she's done in that same period. But that's not the same as taking questions from

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CWs rule

There are two ways to read the title: 1) the power of CWs, or 2) the CNMI rule on CWs. My answer is an unequivocal "YES." Now, if I could only remember what the question was.

USCIS announced on May 20, 2016, that the fiscal year 2016 cap for CW-1 permits has been reached and no new applications would be accepted or processed for FY 2016, which ends September 30, 2016. The matter of CWs in the current CNMI conversation has become heated recently when this cap on applications, revealed to be the number of 12,999, ended the year May 5 and will not address any application again until Oct. 1, 2016, the start of the Fed's fiscal year 2017.

I will defer to the legal acumen of the wife-husband legal team of Maya Kara and Bruce Mailman who recently wrote objectively on the current CW situation. Those seeking legal guide may also check Janet King and Pat Brown's offices. (The three out of four lawyers being female is no accident by my recommendation. With the U.S. soon to have its first female president, it is time to break the glass ceiling on gender inequality. Patriarchy has had its millennia; time for the ladies to take their seat equitably around the table!) Maya and Bruce have, however, measured words on immigration reform.

Over where I live, most of the residents are CWs, a majority from the Philippines, and the female in the home holds a job in one of the numerous stores and restaurants within the tourist hotels; it is a youngish crowd. The image of the adverse effect of the feds reminding all that it adopted a cap formula in the granting of CW status since 2011, and for this year, that cap has already been reached, is the source of alarm.

As one of my colleagues in school, when the health folks for the second time, came to school to alert us of tuberculosis, "We will not be alarmed, we will just panic." The Kara/Mailman team on the CW situation defers from panicking yet, and lays out the scenario of a few who are affected by the sudden increase of CW applications for 2016 with the need for construction workers in the new casino resort being built on island. But the public image will not be anything but the "sky is falling."

As with everything else, the anxiety level takes precedence over the observation on the objective level, because that's how we have been trained to operate. The emotive level precedes over the objective and the indicative, and much as I support the literary thrust of PSS, unless we understand that the learner must first learn to describe the objective information of what it sees, smells, hears, tastes, and touches, the cognition associated with reading of managing "words and numbers", with their congruent tenses and moods will simply be the uttering of sounds repeated without meaning.

I was asked three times this week to comment on the CWs. What can I say? That the CWs now outnumber the indigenes, and with the U.S. issuing residency permits for those who lived legally and continuously on a U.S. territory for five years, they can apply for permanent residency, and eventually, voting rights. That is a prospect of many indigene who do not wish to be relegated as the minority for as long as they can help it.

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One of my close associates from Pinas relates the story of being in a meeting where Lino of San Isidro craftily expressed his opinions in Chamorro and Refaluwasch, and he did it so well that the members of the group of Philippine descent applauded with the rest of the crowd on Lino's eloquence, only to be told later by those knowledgeable that Lino had asked pointedly for the foreigners in the crowd to leave and let the indigene decide and choose its course in history.

I will say that this sentiment of CW leaving after their contract expires is no longer an option. The CWs are here to stay. Consider the figures from the Maya/Mailman article in the *Saipan Tribune* last June 7. Since 2011 when the Federal government took over the granting of CW permits, the numbers are: 22,417 (2011) down to 12,999 (2016).

The cap was established after the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 ("CNRA") was passed, CNMI-effective Nov. 28, 2009. The Act authorized the U.S. Department of Labor to issue a certain number of CW-1 permits to foreign workers.

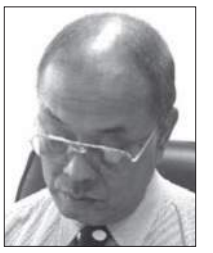
For over-stayers, a form of penalty applies. Those who overstay are subject to removal (deportation), but the government tolerates those who did not enter unlawfully or have no criminal record, but there are consequences. Those who overstayed for more than 180 days, then exit, will not be able to return for three years. Over-stayers for a year are barred from returning for 10 years. Many legal CWs have taken this over-stay option and are now the subject of deportation.

Look at the number of CWs granted since 2011, and the number of over-stayers, and the overwhelming number of CWs that trigger alarm signals on indigenous management of the governance once new residents become citizens, is loud and clear.

I am not surprised by the Lino speech. What else can he say?

Breaking submission

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Freedom of expression and press has its own history of rocky beginnings here in the late fifties. We had to endure the forced culture of submission that collides with lessons from the educational system that encourages use of personal rights.

Our first day out of the fence of submission was wild and unruly. We thought the two personal freedoms were absolute! Slowly, we learned that we must use it responsibly.

Political campaign rallies became the forum to malign the opposition from A-Z. It didn't stop until someone brought a defamation lawsuit to court. It brought some semblance of civility. We learned that there are such things as slander and libel.

Before the lawsuit, I heard raw filth from adultery to aspersions trumpeted publicly. After the lawsuit, politicians started turning to issues. This is where you see candidates' inability to articulate issues but shout it down with tons of "biba" crawling out of their ears.

In a way, I earned my personal freedoms. Recalled writing a letter to the editor that riled up the elderly in the clan. Mom was going to slam my head with a broomstick. I had to relocate to my paternal grandma for a while. But I refuse to give up writing. Perhaps this experience hardened my conviction to scribble my views that started in 1972 in both English and vernacular. I've been doing it since.

Submission wasn't cultural. It was forced behavior upon our forefathers who had to navigate survival to avoid cultural genocide from colonial powers. They learned to whisper and kept views hidden from fatal exposure. It must have been a hellish experience!

Imagine dealing with colonial masters who simply have no respect for indigenous way of life. Colonial command and control simply missed a glaring point: we are the permanent hosts! The journey however long granted us the opportunity to learn self-rule. We also learned that we could agree to disagree with civility. That was quite a feat of accomplishment at the socio-political level.

Those were difficult days but I've never lost sight of the need to begin exercising our freedom of expression and the press. It's the foundation of fostering an informed citizenry. Keeping the multitude ignorant only happens in communist countries.

Writing commentaries was initially met with disdain and seen as arrogance or contrary to social mores of keeping your opinion to yourself. This took a little jungle fighting to smooth the new path to promoting discussion. It presents the opportunity to probe issues beyond conventional wisdom.

Over the years, I've learned to look at the larger picture a mindset I honed from Micronesia's visionaries over the years. It's the group with real intellectual acuity that takes me to the hilt in the thorough review of assigned issues. It became a discipline I find most helpful throughout my career.

If I may assert: most of what you've read under my byline isn't necessarily my voice. It's your voice! It's what you've told me that have enabled my telling your insightful version of the issue. Let's join hands in defense of a government of laws! No breathing room to grant the sense of entitlement to clueless politicians that they are free to shred our livelihood! Enough Is Enough!

Negligence: The ghost of negligence, lack of vision and ignorance on USPL 110-229 came back haunting us today with catastrophic economic implications. It's all about vision or ability to see "beyond the years". Didn't know we never had it.

I've learned to listen to the voice of reason. I would consult with intellectually mature and educated friends on issues and events as they unfold. More often than not we would cringe how the elected officials approach matters of state with shallowness or cluelessness or both.

We know how this negligence would eventually adversely affect the livelihood of villagers when the chips are down. The incoherence is appalling! The bravery to double up on incoherence is humiliating!

Sears Roebuck: My buddy Magoo was sipping beer swinging his feet happily while sitting on a bench. He'd flash a quick smile then turns to friends to continue his conversation.

I could tell what's in his mind with smiles that are too telling. This time it was a sly smile that only Lucifer could decipher. He looked up shaking his head.

Said he, "Braddah, you're wasting your time writing about issues like the 902 Entourage. Can't you see it has renamed itself the SearsRoebuck Team?" I pressed him for an explanation. He said that the guys and gals went shopping and came home to show us the latest fad.

A bit too hard understanding the new name: Sears Roebuck 902 Team! I braved suggesting Nordstrom or Brookes Brothers. Said he, "Please, our friends are confused already. Don't send them venturing into another shopping spree!"

'You don't looking me:' Magoo also related he isn't hopeful of the re-election of incumbents saying a quick glimpse at their woefully bad performances and parade of failures are sufficient to boot them from office.

Said he, "What is most humiliating is the obvious incoherence in the way they handle issues missing the mark by oceans apart".

"You break down the issue on economic depression landing squarely in family pocketbooks", he noted. Asked he, "What have they done to help families deal with the constantly increasing cost of basic goods while salaries are stuck in the mud for over twenty years?"

It was hard neutralizing the brutal truth of his view on hardship that is found in families throughout the villages. I tried rationalizing it but he was quick to say, "You don't looking me…" In brief, the elected officials have ignored their people. How do I change the story or how do you sell a rusty broken lawn mower left abandoned in the backyard?

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reporters in a news conference, a tougher format that makes it harder for officials to dodge the truth.

If Clinton has failed to get ahead of the email controversy, it's because she hasn't taken it seriously. She should. It's not going away, and as long as it persists, so will questions about her lack of transparency and her unwillingness to talk straight to the American people.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

They are not yet legitimate

Torres and Hocog. I say they, still, are not legitimate. They assumed the "acting" title back in December 2015 upon the failure of Eloy Inos' return to the CNMI to resume his office as a sitting governor. Until they get elected in a special election to remove the stigma of "acting," they remain illegitimate until then.

That is not a hypothesis, not a thesis, not an essay, not a political theory, not a made-up story. Our constitution says that. They are "acting." "We're no dummies." No! We say, not, and I am not alone now who questions the legitimacy of Torres and Hocog as full-fledge governor and lieutenant governor. So, any one else for special election? What? Silence? The sound of status quo, deep and absolute silence. Not a sound from the election office, not even the banging of the ballot boxes to break this eerie silence of the current political atmosphere. The question was asked, and to date, the question remains unanswered.

Well, it has in a way—with silence on the special election issue! It's the typical CNMI. If you don't like something, just ignore it until the noise dies down and eventually, all is forgotten. *Fadkiluyi ha sa siempre ha todo humuyung fino. Chamu lilihan, AMO, sa siempre ha i taotao ma aksepta i situasion. Ke (Que) lau hafa na en ditietiene i special election? Asta ngai'an? November? Nunca? Ke na haye dei hamyu? En na'e hamyu ni konfiansan mame, i inangokon mame na hamyu man mauleg na kandidato, lau, et primet lugat, hamyu mas man iya mo'nana gi filan para man yulang LAI, kololo'ña sa i* Constitution, the supreme law of the land, en keke eskohi. Mungnga mana lachi i chalan. *Hafa na patte gi constitution cha'ut miyo na en ditietiene i botasion? Para en fan matachong sin man ma bota gi special election? Matai si Eloy Inos giya America ya trabia (todavia) 11 meses ha hakompli gi 4 anos na "term." I CNMI Constitution ha gagagao na yangin taiguine na sinisede guaha, u mana guaha special election pot para u ma tahgui i permanente na tumaigui. I rason? Temporario ha i humalum na gobetnadot ya nenesita na u guaha petmanent na gobetnadot para u kinibre i tetehnan na "Term." Man mamatinas hamyo decision ni ti sinopopotta ni Constitution*?

The advisors better not interpret the provisions of the two constitutions and skew their arguments away from the legislative histories. These are written documents. You cannot make a side transcript of the legislative histories to cure your theory. The constitution is a written document and can only be changed in a general election. There are precedents. The two CONCONs are over, and the "midnight" advisors are not CONCON delegates. They are ordinary, common people. They don't have the floor to present their thesis or hypothesis or your white paper. This usurpation ought to stop. The former CONCON delegates are still alive and well.

To be bona fide governor and lieutenant governor, the "acting" incumbents should legitimize themselves by getting elected so that their occupancy of the office is legitimate. While nothing is being heard on the surface, I say there's something "brewing." It could be full-blown if is not taken care of early. The issue: How Torres and Hocog got to be full-powered officials without being popularly elected. When is the special election? Until when? November? Never? Torres and Hocog are substituting their own value choices for those of the voters. They are subverting the Constitution by usurping the people power to vote. Their advisors who stepped out of bound are no less bound by constitutional limits. James Madison said, to the effect, that all "powers are of the encroaching nature and that it ought to be effectually restrained from passing the limit assigned to it." And this is where we are now—They are pushing their powers beyond the limit to see how far they can finagle legitimacy without being entangled in illegality. I don't have to be a lawyer to understand what's going on.

The special election question centered on the validity of the Honorable Ralph Torres' actions when he assumed the office of governor as "acting." He could not be anything else but "acting." Lt. Gov. Torres' ascension to the Governor's Office in an "acting" capacity was a constitutional mandate. It's automatic. But it remains "acting." No "Double-Dutch" swearing-in, one on top of the other, could change that applicable clause. These were based on Section 7 of the CNMI Constitution. Questions have persisted because of the constitution. But by now, those promoting acting governor Torres have concluded that they are correct. They are high-ranking officials so no need to explain themselves, other than an article in the paper explaining a meek political defensive opinion from an elected AG. Did I say elected, and not appointed? Isn't the AG supposed to be independent come hell or high water? Has he gone Republican? I thought he was the president of the Democrats. This being the CNMI, totally expected and understandable.

To forego all doubts, the key players had two options:

Could have submitted a certified question to a "sessioned" court for a judicial review;

Simply meet somewhere to interpret the constitution away from the legislative history's paper trail. But there can't be any interpretation without reverting to the legislative histories to trace the mindset of the delegates during the two CONCON settings. What was said about gubernatorial succession? Many of the CONCON delegates and attorneys are still alive and well. To interpret the Constitution and skew the histories in the advisors' favor, in the presence of these delegates and attorneys who left their marks in the "legislative histories of the Constitution and all the ancillary provisions" are simply insulting. Are we "dimwits?" Skewed obfuscation. It's like "in your face, buster, take that." That's what it is. The special election mandate is simple with a readability index between 8 and 16. What's so complicated about the requirements?

Well, the conferees took option No. 2 and that has fueled more questions, and to a degree, mistrust, and even accusations that officials are currently circumventing the law for their aggrandizement.

Perhaps a few political definitions are in order:

Democracy: a government of the people, like F. Ada, P. Teno, Dr. C. Camacho, V. Kilili, Rasa, Denchu, Mechot, Benamin, etc.

Oligarchy: a government by the few like Poroshenko, Bandera, etc.

Aristocracy: A government by the best-like Queen Liliuokalani.

Anarchy: What happens when determination overcomes rationality, like the Torres-Hocog futuristic confederacy. Give me Nella Fantasia.

Legitimize your positions—get elected!

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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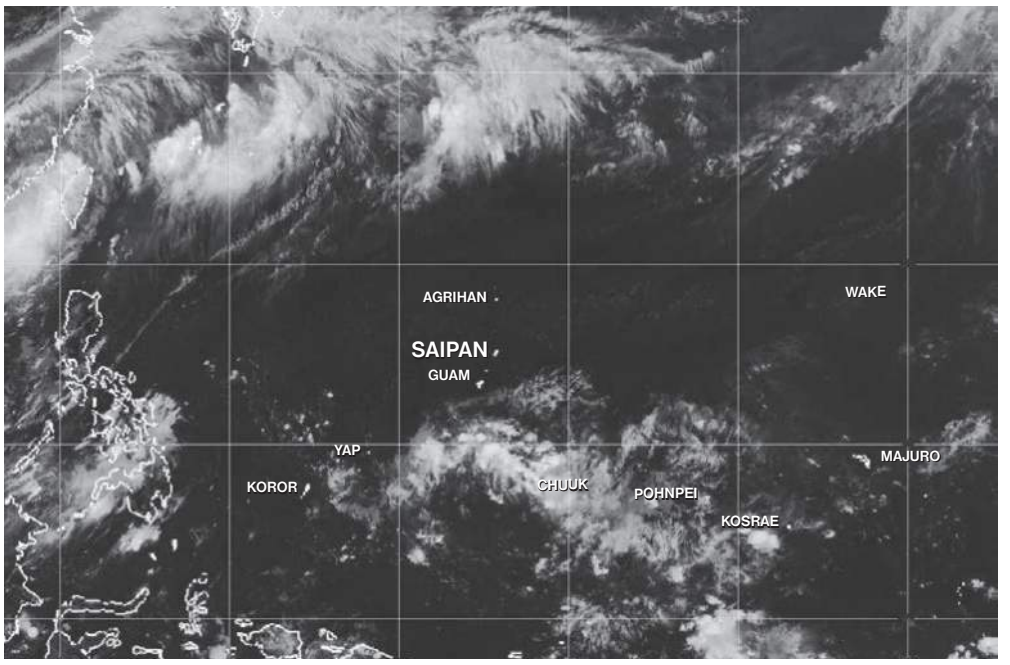

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough meanders eastward from a weak circulation southeast of Yap near 7N143E to another weak circulation just west of Pohnpei at 7N157E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are east of Koror within 50 miles of a line from 8N137E to 5N139E east of Yap within 80 miles of a line from 7N141E to 11N144E to 8N147E and across Chuuk state within 125 miles of a line from 8N149E to 4N155E. Converging southwest to south winds southwest of Kosrae are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 60 miles of a line from 4N162E to EQ155E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers in patchy areas north and northeast of Majuro mainly between 8N and 11N from 171E to 180.

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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼50
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲76	▼62
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼82
Honolulu	Thundershowers	▲85	▼73
London	Showers	▲64	▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼58
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
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New York	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼61
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Paris	Showers	▲65	▼56
Pusan	Showers	▲79	▼64
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼64
Salem	Sunny	▲78	▼49
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3:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
3:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
9:18 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Wednesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
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Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:56 PM	12:37 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
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UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
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UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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NMI, PH: Shared heritage, shared culture

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Philippines and the CNMI renewed their long-standing friendship with Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog and honorary consul of the Philippines to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago leading the proclamation signing yesterday at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort.

Philippine Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) witnessed the proclamation signing that was attended by Tan Holdings chief executive officer and president Jerry Tan and officers and members of the United Filipino Organization and their umbrella groups.

Hocog, in his remarks, said the CNMI joins the Filipino community in the Commonwealth in celebrating the 118th year of independence of Asia's first democratic nation. He added that both share a lot of things even in food where the CNMI people learned to get accustomed to eating Filipino foods adobo, dinuguan, and sinigang.

"No matter where you are, you can feel and celebrate regardless of the distance," said Hocog. "We share a heritage that we all embrace and taken to heart. Think of our ancestors every time in order not to lose that heritage and traditions."

He also acknowledged the important role that Filipinos, in all sectors of the community, played in helping build the CNMI today. "It would be very difficult to see where and what we are today without all the Filipinos. We should value togetherness. We can make things happen by working together."

"These are professionals in the nursing, laboratory, media, engineering, and businesses, and those who are in the hotel and construction fields. There's also integration of families where some married Chamorros and Carolinians," Hocog added.

Angara, in his speech, said the CNMI and the Philippines have a lot of things in common. "We share a heritage and history. We are like brothers and sisters since we have the same parents in Spain."

He added that June 12 has been an important date for Filipinos since in 1898 the flag was raised for the first time declaring the country's independence from Spain. "Filipino

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Philippine Sen. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara speaks during last Friday's Vin d'honneur and gala dinner at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

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Philippine Sen. Sonny Angara, right, and Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago enjoy last Saturday's Super Sea Reyna transgender pageant at the World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

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The Philippine flag flies high after yesterday's ceremony commemorating the 118th Independence Day of Asia's first republic.

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Honorary consul of the Philippines to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago delivers his welcome remarks in the Vin d'honneur and gala dinner held last Friday at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

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United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte addresses everyone gathered at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort.

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Rev. Fr. Ryan Jimenez leads the prayer.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MICRONESIA MARIANAS DISTRIBUTING CORPORATION Plaintiff, -v- FREDDY U. HOFSCHNEIDER, JR., Defendants.	] CIVIL ACTION] NO. 92-0250] and consolidate] cases (C.A. NO. 93-] 0808, 00-0496, 01-] 0203, 01-0515 and] 01-0560; and S.C. Nos.] 99-1074, 00-0012,] 00-0053 and 00-0108)]]]

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Amended Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 11, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property:

Lot 025 T 03, containing an area of 48,914 square meters, situated in Marpo Valley, Tinian;

Lot 023 T 24, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Lot 001 T 13, (formerly block 11, lot 6), containing an area of 1,196 square meters, situated in San Jose Village, Tinian;

Lot 252 T 21, Lot D, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Part of Lot 117 T 02, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Lot 035 T 02, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Part of Lot 35 T 02, containing an area of 4,190 square meters, situated in Tinian;

Tract 22588-2 NEW-6, containing an area of 1,000 square meters, situated in Tinian.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 15, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of May, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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SAIPAN AUTO SUPPLY CO., Plaintiff, -/- GRACE ECHAU, Defendant.	] SMALL CLAIM] 13-0372]]]]]

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 4, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: a 2003 Isuzu Rodeo, CNMI license plate no. ABR 357, presently situated upon the business premises of Saipan Auto Supply Co., Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 1, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at Saipan Auto Supply Co., Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of May, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ANTHONY MENDIOLA CAMACHO, aka: "Tonnei",, Decedent.	Civil Action No. 16-0094-CV NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION and NOTICE TO CREDITORS Date: June 21, 2016 Time:9:00 A.M. Judge: Hon. Kenneth L. Govendo

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ANTHONY MENDIOLA CAMACHO OR OF HIS ESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, **Darsha Dez'Rae Camacho**, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the **Estate of Anthony Mendiola Camacho, Decedent.** The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by Darsha Dez'Rae Camacho, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **June 21, 2016** at **9:00 am**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, *Guma' Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 17th day of May, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

Lyleen J.A. Asauo
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: Lyleen Joanna Arken Asauo Petitioner	] FCD CN] CIVIL ACTION] NO. 16-0190]] NOTICE OF] HEARING]]]

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 14, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP16-COTA/FTA-130

SUBMISSION: JULY 12, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA), SAIPAN"

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER, **JUNE 13, 2016**, AT COTA OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR OF THE NMI RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING LOCATED IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN OR FAXED TO (670) 664-2690 OR BY EMAIL TO alfreda.camacho@gov.mp DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. ALFREDA P. CAMACHO, TO (670) 664-2690, **CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JUNE 30, 2016.** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL IF, IN ITS OPINION TO DO SO, WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB16-COTA/FTA-132

SUBMISSION: JULY 08, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MEDIUM-DUTY LOW FLOOR ADA ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT BUS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AFTER, **JUNE 13, 2016** AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR, NMI RETIREMENT FUND BUILDING, ISA DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

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/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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heroes, back then, believed that all should be equal and fought for liberty and freedom that we enjoy today."

Arago, on the other hand, said June 12 should be the day that Filipinos honor all the men and women who fought for the freedom that the Philippines enjoy today. "Let it be an inspiration to others. Learning to be living and being united as one community, then we can appreciate each other and value what we do."

Philippine Independence Day messages of President Benigno Simeon Aquino III, Department of Foreign Affairs Sec. Jose Rene Almendras, U.S. Ambassador of the Philippines Jose L. Cuisia Jr., and Guam Consul General Marciano De Borja were read by various heads of member groups of the United Filipino Organization.

Angara arrived last Friday morning and paid a courtesy visit to then acting governor Hocog and the Legislature in Capital Hill. He also attended the Vin d'honneur and Gala dinner hosted by Arago at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscu Hall.

Pistang Pinoy

Angara was also the special guest of the UFO's Pistang Pinoy at the Marianas Business Plaza where UFO president Bong Malasarte thanked Tan for bringing the Filipino lawmaker to Saipan.

"This won't be made possible without Mr. Tan's help. At least, senator Angara heard what are the concerns of our fellow Filipinos. His presence made the Philippine Independence Day celebration more interesting," said Malasarte.

He then thanked all sponsors for supporting them throughout the years and all UFO officers, members, and umbrella organizations of the decades-old group. "This won't be made successful without all the help and united front of many groups and individuals. Seeing our countrymen enjoying the festivities make it all worthwhile."

Filipino folk dances performed by students of Green Meadows School, and songs by Keynotes Music School where some of the entertainment yesterday. Games and other events were also held, while various items were sold like clothes and gadgets.

Officers and members of Emon Lodge 179 of the CNMI Free and Accepted Masons prepare to hoist the Philippine flag. JON PEREZ

CNMI Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, second right, Philippine Senator Sonny Angara, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, right, and Diocese of Chalan Kanoa Apostolic Administrator Rev. Fr. Ryan Jimenez wait for the program to start. JON PEREZ

The Nearby Band of Keynotes Music School performs in yesterday's Pistang Pinoy. JON PEREZ

Green Meadows School students have their picture taken with Sen. Sonny Angara in yesterday's Pistang Pinoy at the Marianas Business Plaza. JON PEREZ

United Filipino Organization members show the traditional Filipino formal attire barong and terno in yesterday's flag raising ceremony to commemorate the 118th celebration of the Philippine Independence Day at the Kanoa Resort. JON PEREZ

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, left, and Philippines honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago cut the cake symbolizing the long-standing friendship of the CNMI and the Philippines as UFO president Bong Malasarte, back from left, Rev. Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Sen. Sonny Angara, and Rep. Edmund Villagomez look on. JON PEREZ

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 05/24/16 **Closing Date: 06/13/16***

JVA#15-007:	**Marketing Specialist I**
Annual Salary:	$17,700.92 – $18,584.42**
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan
JVA#15-008:	**Community Projects Coordinator I**
Annual Salary:	$17,700.92 - $18,584.42**
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan
JVA#15-010:	**Procurement Officer**
Annual Salary:	$24,889.35 - $31,757.68**
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan
JVA#15-012:	**Tour Guide Certification Manager**
Annual Salary:	$30,000.00 - $40,000.00**
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan
JVA#16-001:	**Tradesman**
Annual Salary:	$11,278.940 - $14,388.82
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian
JVA#16-002:	**Special Assistant to the Managing Director**
Annual Salary:	$25,000.00 - $30,000.00**
Location:	Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
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is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Chief Engineer (1)

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Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 17, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Landscaping Supervisor (1)

Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a landscaper in supervisory level. Knowledgeable in transplanting or pruning trees or shrubs. Must have strong communication and organizational skills to coordinate, supervise manage, or train others to accomplish goals. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds. Willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 17, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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IT Technical Support Specialist

Qualifications: Advanced experience in the configuration, installation, repair and troubleshooting of computer hardware, network switches, network line connections, routers, Ruckus A/P, phone lines, phone units and other computer peripherals. Advanced experience in networking phone system and security camera. Advanced experience with desktop operating systems and MS applications. Advanced experience and skills in problem identification and problem resolution techniques. Ability to prioritize tasks with long term projects and work in a fast paced environment with minimum supervision. Knowledge in property management POS, PBX system, web application and SAP. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends, holidays and overtime if necessary. Working conditions may involve lifting and transporting of moderately heavy objects such as computers and peripherals.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 15, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful, proven sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or related field with experience in F&B, menu preparation & costing. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Ideally would have understanding of wine distribution. Makes outside sales calls to established customers and cold calls to potential customers. Coordinates deliveries. Researches potential products from experience, menu content or health requirements. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Cantonese, Japanese or Korean an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

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Business

Apple's next challenge: Making Siri smarter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple's Siri made a big splash when the wisecracking digital assistant debuted on the iPhone five years ago. But as other tech giants jockey to build intelligent "chat bots" and voice-controlled home systems capable of more challenging artificial-intelligence feats, Siri at times no longer seems cutting edge.

On Monday, Apple is expected to demonstrate an upgrade to Siri's smarts as it kicks off its annual software conference. It's a potentially momentous time for the company; sales of its flagship iPhone are slowing, and AI is emerging as a key tech battleground. Apple, Google, Facebook and others are racing to create digital services that consumers will find indispensable for shopping, chatting, controlling other appliances and simply getting through their daily lives.

And while Siri has gained new abilities over the years, some experts believe Apple still lags in the AI race, hindered in part by its unwillingness to pry too deeply into your personal information.

AP

In this June 10, 2013, file photo, Eddy Cue, Apple senior vice president of internet software and services, talking about the new voices of Siri virtual assistant during the keynote address of the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco.

"Google Now has kind of eaten their lunch," said Chris Monberg, co-founder of Boomtrain, a startup that makes artificial intelligence software used by online retailers. Monberg argues that Google's proactive digital assistant provides more useful reminders, recommendations and tips on local weather or traffic, largely because it reads his email and other data from his Android phone and crunches it with sophisticated algorithms on Google's powerful servers.

Gawker files for bankruptcy, to sell itself to Ziff Davis

NEW YORK (AP)—Gawker Media is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and putting itself up for sale, strained by a jury's verdict that that it must pay $140 million to pro wrestler Hulk Hogan in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit.

The filing by the 14-year-old website follows the revelation in May that Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel bankrolled Hogan's lawsuit as what he called a "deterrent" to Gawker's no-holds-barred and sometimes gonzo style of journalism. Thiel's secret role sparked anxiety over the possibility that more wealthy individuals might cow publications by covertly funding lawsuits against them.

Gawker says it plans to sell itself to publishing company Ziff Davis, although other bidders could emerge during the bankruptcy court auction. The sale will help it fund its appeal against the Hogan judgment in a Florida state court.

"We have been forced by this litigation to give up our longstanding independence," Gawker founder Nick Denton said in a statement. "With stronger backing and disentangled from litigation, (Gawker writers) can perform their vital work on more platforms and in different forms."

The move also allows Gawker's web sites to keep operating normally, the company says.

Gawker filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection about three months after Hogan won a lawsuit against the online gossip and news publisher.

The New York publisher said in the filing that it has as much as $500 million in debt and up to $100 million in assets.

Hogan sued Gawker after it posted a video of him having sex with a friend's wife. Gawker said the footage was newsworthy information about a public figure, and protected by the First Amendment. Hogan still won a judgment for $115 million in compensatory damages plus an added $25.1 million in punitive damages.

US airlines to start scheduled flights to Cuba

HAVANA (AP)—Six airlines won permission Friday to resume scheduled commercial air service from the U.S. to Cuba for the first time in more than five decades, another milestone in President Barack Obama's campaign to normalize relations between Cold War foes.

The airlines—American, Frontier, JetBlue, Silver Airways, Southwest and Sun Country—were approved by the Department of Transportation for a total of 155 roundtrip flights per week. They'll fly from five U.S. cities to nine cities in Cuba other than Havana.

U.S. law still prohibits tourist travel to Cuba, but a dozen other categories of travel are permitted, including family visits, official business, journalist visits, professional meetings and educational and religious activities. The Obama administration has eased rules to the point where travelers are now free to design their own "people-to-people" cultural exchanges with little oversight.

Most of the airline service is expected to begin this fall and early winter, the department said.

Approval is still required by the Cuban government, but some carriers say they plan to start selling tickets within the next few days while they wait for signoffs from Cuba.

More than a year ago, Obama announced it was time to "begin a new journey" with the communist country. "Today we are delivering on his promise," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

Nation

Romney loyalists ponder a future with Trump

PARK CITY, Utah (AP)—Donald Trump can be an effective president, and he's going to win with you or without you, Republican Chairman Reince Priebus told several hundred of the party's top donors and strategists Saturday.

Trump is setting a dangerous example for Americans by promoting "trickle-down racism," and the party must look beyond this presidential election to find its future, the 2012 nominee Mitt Romney told the same group later that morning.

Delivered within moments of each other at Romney's annual business and politics summit at a five-star ski resort, those opposite messages were enough to cause whiplash. That's a hazard of being a Republican this year, as the party struggles to figure out what to do with its controversial presumptive presidential nominee.

Blinking back tears as he spoke, an impassioned Romney said many have asked him to get off his "high horse" and back Trump, seeing presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton as unacceptable. "Either choice is destructive," Romney said. "I love this country. I love the founders. I love what this country is built upon, and its values. And seeing this is breaking my heart."

Romney said he would not spend time campaigning for or against Trump and predicted 90 percent of Republicans would vote for Trump.

The attendees, about 300 of Romney's longtime donors and friends, provided a snapshot of the wide range of GOP sentiment about Trump. While most are eager to keep Clinton out of the White House, Trump keeps giving many of them pause, the latest example being his comments that a federal judge's Mexican heritage prevents him from fairly overseeing a lawsuit against him.

Behind closed doors at the summit, Hewlett Packard President Meg Whitman likened Trump to Mussolini and Hitler and suggested she might vote for Clinton. GOP strategists and vocal Trump skeptics Stuart Stevens, Ana Navarro and Kristen Soltis Anderson told attendees to brace for a Clinton White House because Trump doesn't appeal to growing voter blocs, including Latinos.

Emotions raw in hometown of man in Stanford assault case

OAKWOOD, Ohio (AP)—Sadness over a hometown boy's fall. Anger at a perceived light sentence for a brutal crime. Disgust with an international spotlight.

Emotions are running high in this wealthy suburban town following intense scrutiny of a six-month sentence handed down to a former star student-athlete convicted of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman in California.

The case against Brock Turnera student athlete at Stanford University at the time of the assaulthas gripped people where he grew up and observers across the country, with letters to a judge from his family and friends drawing outrage from critics who say they are shifting blame from a 20-year-old man who won't take responsibility for his actions.

Now the unwanted attention is highlighting what some say are cracks in the idyllic image of Oakwood, Ohio, which some locals dubbed "The Dome." The suburb of Dayton is known for a high standard of living with good schools and low crime rates. But some say that's a veneer for underlying social problems, now exposed by the wrongdoing of a once-favored son.

Many people who went to high school with Turner have supported him online, posting that he was a good kid and lamenting the fact that he wouldn't make it to the Olympics. Backlash against those comments and others have made some people here nervous to speak publicly about Turner, his family or the town's reputation. A childhood friend and a high school guidance counselor later apologized for writing letters of support urging leniency.

Mark Otto, 19, was a grade behind Turner at Oakwood High School. While the two weren't friends, they shared some classes together.

Feds consider whether to shut for-profit college watchdog

BOSTON (AP)—Federal education officials are deciding whether to shut down the nation's biggest accreditor of for-profit colleges over allegations that it overlooked deception by some of its schools.

The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools is meant to be a watchdog for hundreds of for-profit schools, wielding the stamp of approval that colleges need to receive federal money. It's one of many accreditors authorized by the U.S. Education Department to ensure the quality of schools. But the nonprofit is being accused of employing lax standards and failing to stop schools from preying on students.

Institutions that have operated under the group's certification include the Corinthian College chain, which closed in 2015 amid fraud allegations, and the ITT Technical Institute chain, which now faces federal charges of fraud. Even after the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau began investigating both in 2013, the council found no major problems during its own reviews. In 2014, it included two Corinthian schools on its annual "honor roll."

"If accrediting agencies aren't willing to stand up against colleges that are breaking the law, colleges that are cheating their students, then I don't know what good they do, and I sure don't know why we would let them determine which colleges are eligible for federal dollars," Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., said at a congressional hearing on Corinthian last year.

At least 17 colleges certified by the council have been subject to state or federal investigations, according to an analysis by the Center for American Progress, a liberal public policy organization in Washington. Over the past three years, those schools received more than $5.7 billion in federal money, the group said.

Asia

India's bid to be part of Nuclear Supplier Group a point of pride

NEW DELHI (AP)—India is rejoicing over news that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brokered deals with U.S. officials to bring New Delhi closer to its long-held dream of joining an elite group of nations allowed to control the global trade in nuclear materials, equipment and technology.

Newspapers have run daily front-page stories heralding progress on the nuclear front after President Barack Obama came out in support of Indian membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group, which led other nations including Mexico and Switzerland to suggest they, too, were on board. Diplomats in Vienna suggested Thursday that India is closer than ever to joining the NSG, despite never fulfilling the requirement of signing a global treaty aimed at preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and weapons technology.

But would India's entry into the club make any difference? Some analysts say no, at least not from a technical standpoint.

India has already managed to secure access to nuclear fuel and technology to build power plants it says it needs to boost energy capacity and drive economic growth for the nation of 1.25 billion people.

Analysts say joining the NSG is chiefly a matter of pride and desire to be taken seriously by some of the world's most powerful nations. Since prompting international technology sanctions and limits on exports by conducting nuclear tests in 1998, India has been eager to gain legitimacy as a nuclear power.

"In practical terms, there is nothing extra that the NSG will give India other than a seat at the nuclear high table," said Rakesh Sood, a retired diplomat closely associated with India's nuclear negotiations over the past decade.

India already has deals with more than eight countries for supplies of uranium, and has signed agreements for reactors with France, Russia and the United States.

This week's reported nuclear breakthroughs were seen as a major point of progress for Modi, who has placed new urgency on India's nuclear ambitions with the aim of vastly expanding atomic power to account for about half of the country's total electricity supply by 2050.

New program reunites Filipino WW II vets with family

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rudolpho "Rudy" Panaglima was just 13 when he joined his father in a Filipino guerrilla unit that worked in secret with the U.S. Army during World War II.

His youth helped Panaglima sneak past Japanese forces as a courier and scout, bringing back information, food and medicine to U.S. soldiers in the mountains of the Philippines, near his home in Cagayan.

Panaglima was among more than 250,000 Filipinos who fought with the United States during World War II, including at least 60,000 who were killed. After the war ended, President Harry Truman signed laws that stripped away promises of benefits and citizenship for Panaglima and other Filipino veterans.

Now 70 years later, Panaglima and other veterans are winning some of their benefits back. The veterans received lump-sum payments as part of the 2009 economic stimulus law, and as this week are eligible to be reunited in the U.S. with relatives living in the Philippines.

Panaglima, now 86, says two of his four grown children have been waiting to come to the U.S. since 1995. Under a program authorized by President Barack Obama, two sons living in the Philippines will soon move to suburban Washington to care for Panaglima and his wife, Pura, 83.

"That is what I am dreaming because of our age now," said Panaglima, who was the featured speaker Thursday at a Capitol ceremony marking the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole program. The program will allow an estimated 2,000 to 6,000 Filipino-American World War II veterans living in the U.S. to be reunited with family members who live outside the U.S., mostly in the Philippines.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Bangladesh detains 1,600 suspected radicals to end attacks

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Authorities have rounded up about 1,600 criminal suspects, including a few dozen believed to be Islamist radicals, in a nationwide crackdown aimed at halting a wave of brutal attacks on minorities and activists in Bangladesh, police said Saturday. The attacks—including two Hindus in the last week—have alarmed the international community and raised questions about whether Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's secular government can maintain security for minorities in the Sunni Muslim-majority country. Police and paramilitary soldiers fanned out across the country Thursday night, raiding suspected militant hideouts and detaining about 1,600 people by Friday night, police said.

11 school teachers reportedly killed in Thailand road crash

BANGKOK (AP)—A passenger van overturned and caught fire on a highway in Thailand, killing 11 school teachers inside, news reports said Saturday. The Nation newspaper said the teachers were trapped in the burning vehicle after the Friday night crash on a highway in Chonburi, southeast of Bangkok. The Khaosod newspaper said the victims were school teachers. The Nation reported the driver lost control after one of the tires of the van burst. It quoted the interior ministry's disaster management department as saying that four people managed to get out of the van before it burst into flames.

ACT exams canceled in South Korea, Hong Kong over breach

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Operators of the ACT college entrance exam on Saturday canceled the tests for students in South Korea and Hong Kong at the last moment over what they said was a verified breach of test materials. The cancellation affected about 5,500 test takers who will receive refunds of test fees, according to ACT spokesman Edward Colby, who said the company believes it was the first time the exam was canceled for an entire country. The ACT, an Iowa-based nonprofit organization, had planned to administer the tests at 56 different locations in South Korea and Hong Kong on Saturday morning. The ACT decided to cancel the test soon after it received "credible evidence" that the test materials had been leaked, Colby said.

World

Hard times in Egypt stoke labor unrest

MAHALLA EL-KOBRA, Egypt (AP)—Labor activist Kamal al-Fayoumi has lost none of his swagger since being fired from the sprawling Egyptian textile plant where he worked for three decades and was known as an agitator.

Striding through a gritty industrial town in the Nile Delta, he proudly points to workers' clubs, cooperative grocery stores, cinemas, a pool and a hospital—all of which have seen better days—and brushes off threats from management and the police.

"Our forefathers built this place, it's in our blood," he said, looking on the Misr Spinning and Weaving Company, Egypt's largest factory. "We shouldn't be afraid, they should fear us!"

Hard times in Egypt have spurred an increase in labor unrest, even as President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government has largely succeeded in quashing political demonstrations over the past two years. Rising prices, low wages and delays in salaries and bonuses have workers vowing more strikes and protests, even at the risk of a violent crackdown.

AP

In this Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 file photo, workers from the Misr Spinning and Weaving Factory in the northern industrial town of Mahalla el-Kobra, Egypt, beat on makeshift drums as they protest on the final day of a week-long strike for unpaid bonuses.

Since last month, workers have held sit-ins at Alexandria's port and even in Cairo, flouting a 2013 ban on protests decreed after the military overthrew Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Thousands protested at a total of 493 actions in the first four months of 2016, a 25 percent increase from the same period a year ago, according to Democracy Meter, an Egyptian NGO that tracks and verifies protests using multiple sources.

"Labor tried to give el-Sissi a chance. But you can't take away peoples' rights and fail to fix poverty simultaneously," said Mohamed Adel, the director of the group. He said the actions range from work stoppages to peaceful marches and pickets.

Security forces have waged a relentless crackdown on dissent since Morsi's ouster, arresting thousands of his Islamist supporters as well as prominent liberal and secular activists.

Twin blasts near Damascus kill 12, wound dozens

BEIRUT (AP)—Two suicide bombers struck close to the Syrian capital Saturday, killing at least 12 people and wounding dozens more in the latest attack to hit the predominantly Shiite area in recent months, state TV and an opposition activist group said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the bombings through its Aamaq news agency, which said there were three attacks carried out by suicide bombers. Aamaq said two attackers were wearing explosive belts while the third was in a car.

Syrian State TV said the blasts in the Sayyida Zeinab area just south of Damascus killed 12 people and wounded 55 others. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 20 people were killed and dozens were wounded in the two explosions.

The blasts came as U.S.-backed fighters in northern Syria tightened their siege on the IS stronghold of Manbij, where tens of the thousands of civilians are trapped by the fighting. The Syria Democratic Forces, a predominantly Kurdish group, encircled the town after capturing dozens of villages and farms near the Turkish border.

"The push toward Manbij slowed down because of fear for civilians there," said Mustafa Bali, a Syrian journalist who visited the front line. "All telecommunications with the town have been cut," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

The Observatory said tens of thousands of civilians in the town fear bombardment of residential areas at a time when most bakeries have stopped working and food is running out. It said airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition have killed 30 civilians, including 11 children, since SDF began its offensive on May 31.

Air France pilots join embarrassing train, garbage strikes

PARIS (AP)—About a quarter of Air France pilots are striking to demand better working conditions—the latest challenge to travelers and France's image as it hosts Europe's biggest sporting event.

Weeks of strikes and demonstrations over the country's labor reforms and other industrial disputes have led to panic at the pumps, violent protests in the streets and, most recently, garbage rotting in the gutters. It's a litany of headaches which some Parisians fear will scare away visitors.

"I'm telling you, France has become a very ugly country," Francoise Cuip, 60, told a reporter in Paris' well-heeled 16th district. "It's my country, but that's the way it is."

French leaders had hoped to put the disruption behind them as the country turned its attention to the European Championship soccer tournament, which is expected to draw over 2 million visitors, but unions are planning to keep up the airline and trash strikes through Tuesday.

Up to a fifth of flights are canceled Saturday, Air France said, both domestic and international. Among those affected were flights carrying spectators to cities holding matches.

French train drivers have also been on strike for days; France's SNCF rail company was disrupted in the southeast, with cancellations possible. In Paris the rail link between the capital and Charles de Gaulle Airport was disrupted, with few trains running along the usually busy route.

Health & Fitness

For the first time, more than 4 in 10 US women are obese

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In this June 26, 2012 file photo, two women converse in New York. The nation's obesity epidemic continues to grow, led by an alarming increase among women.

NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's obesity epidemic continues to grow, led by an alarming increase among women. For the first time, more than 4 in 10 U.S. women are obese, according to new government health statistics.

Obesity rates for men and women in the U.S. had been roughly the same for about a decade. But in recent years, women have surged ahead and now just over 40 percent of women are obese, compared to 35 percent of men.

The percentages were reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in two articles published online Tuesday by the Journal of the American Medical Association. The numbers are based on small government survey that is considered the best measure of the nation's obesity problem.

Though it is not altogether surprising to health researchers because the nation has long been growing more obese, it is "scary" that the statistic has reached 40 percent for women, said Dana Hunnes, a dietitian who sees obese patients at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

"It's a really alarming figure, and it's alarming that it's continuing to go up despite government calls to action on weight loss and healthy eating," she said.

Why the problem is getting worse for women faster than for men remains somewhat of a mystery to health researchers. "I don't know if anyone truly knows for sure," Hunnes said. Experts say there are a range of possible explanations, including that many women are satisfied with a larger body size.

The rate of obesity in women is also higher than in men across the world, although far lower overall than in the U.S. According to the World Health Organization, 15 percent of women worldwide and 11 percent of men are obese.

Obesity, which means not merely overweight, but seriously overweight, is considered one of the nation's leading public health problems because it can trigger diabetes and lead to heart disease and other serious health problems. Until the early 1980s, only about 1 in 6 adults were obese.

The problem is not increasing as dramatically as it was, but the new numbers show it is clearly not improving, said Dr. Felipe Lobelo, an Emory University researcher who focuses on obesity and physical activity.

Researchers looked at obesity rates among different age groups and along racial lines and found wide disparities, mainly ones that have persisted for years.

Obesity continues to be most common among black women. About 57 percent of black women are obese. In contrast, about 47 percent of Hispanic women, 38 percent of white women, and 12 percent of Asian women are obese.

Among men of different races, obesity rates cluster much closer together—at 35 to 38 percent for blacks, Hispanics, and whites.

The researchers also found:

■ About 38 percent of all adults are obese.

■ About 17 percent of children are obese, which is the same as earlier reports.

■ Obesity rates have been steadily increasing in adolescents since 1988 and now are at 21 percent, but have been stable in kids ages 6 to 11 in recent years at 20 percent.

Obesity is calculated by dividing a person's weight by their height to produce a number called the body mass index , or BMI. A BMI of 25 or greater is considered overweight, and a BMI of 30 and above is obese. A person who is 5 foot 4, the average height for U.S. women, is considered obese at a weight of 174 pounds or more. A person who is 5 foot 9, about the average height for men, is deemed obese at 203 pounds.

The findings are from a regular government survey of about 5,000 Americans every two years who are weighed and measured. The new figures are from surveys done in 2013 and 2014. Last fall, the CDC released an obesity report using some of the same data, but the new reports provide more detailed look at obesity numbers through time, including slightly higher prevalence figures for adult men and women.

Inspired by yoga, Canada engineer creates device to help you breathe better

By ANIRUDH BHATTACHARYYA
HINDUSTAN TIMES, NEW DELHI

A young engineer from Vancouver has developed a wearable device based on yoga that is aimed at harmonising a fundamental facet of human health – breathing.

22-year-old Cindy Gu, born and raised in Beijing, has created a prototype —a smart belt coupled with a mobile app — that found its "inspiration" in pranayama, a basic aspect of yoga. That in itself is no surprise since Gu, who just completed her Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering at the University of British Columbia or UBC, is also a yoga instructor.

"I've learnt that breathing's a vital practice in yoga meditation but it also has a significant impact on our mood, emotions and stress levels, so that led me to design a device to help other people breathe better," she said. It was originally supposed to be a device for her personal use, but after pitching the idea at a startup contest at UBC and winning, she realised it had traction.

The device is "the belt, basically, really the sensor and the fabric, that's detecting the expansion and contraction of the lower belly and taking in that behavioural data. The machine learns it and is able to understand the user's breathing pattern and when there are irregularities in that pattern, that's when the device will signal to the user with a haptic feedback". That comes by way of a gentle vibration that alerts the user that their breathing is awry, basically a buzz to let them know it's time to take a deep breath. Gu said not breathing properly leads to stress, something she hopes this device will help prevent.

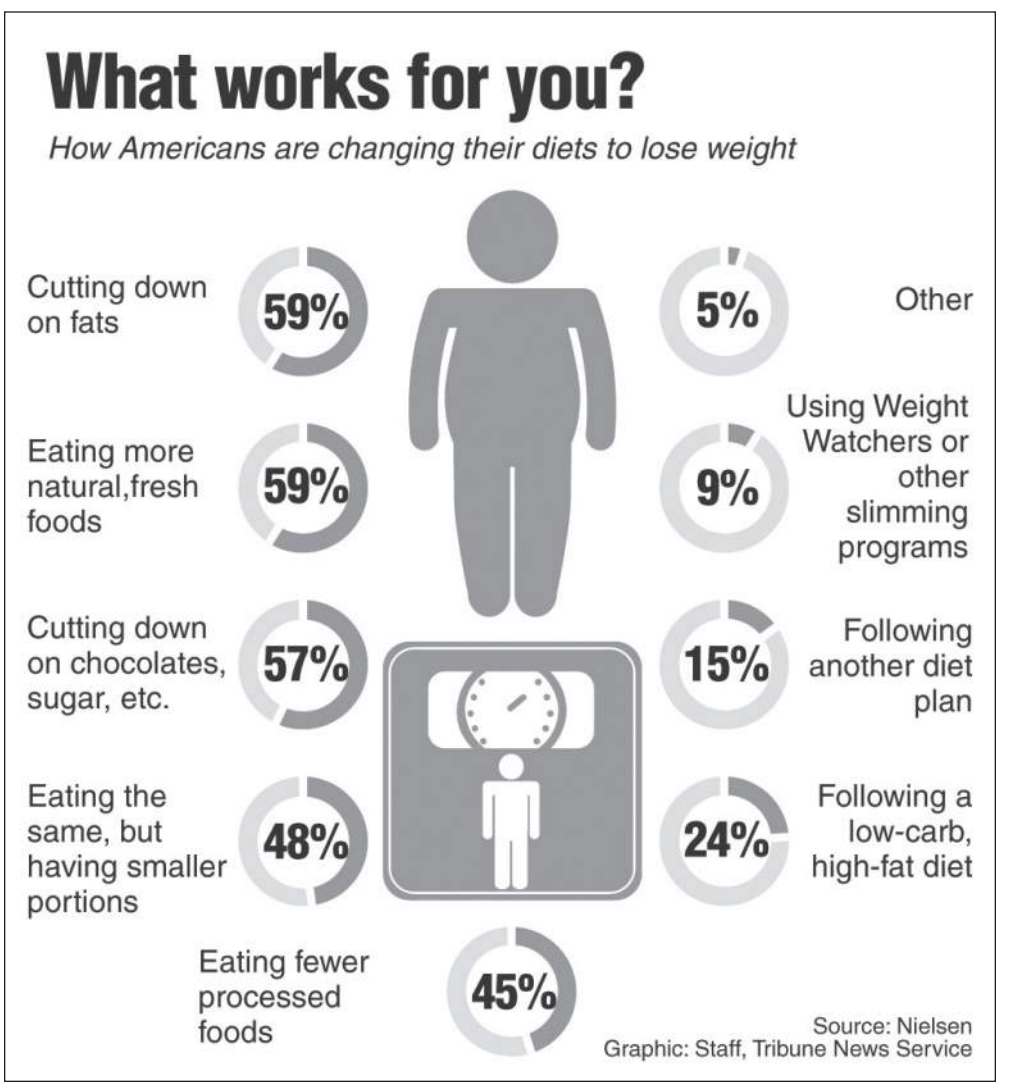
Gu took up yoga to combat just that — the tension of her university workload. "I was feeling very stressed out and struggling to come up for air," she said.

Last summer, she was certified as a yoga instructor. "It's been a life-changing experience for me, delving in deeper into yoga and deeper into the internal well-being and also the spirituality of the practice," Gu said.

Gu, along with Louise Thomas, an engineering student, have formed Ohm Gear Lab to bring the device to the market after winning a pair of startup competitions. Other than the belt, it will include a mobile app that will have biometric data synced to a smartphone allowing the user to track how, for instance, a healthy pattern of breathing has affected their heart rate.

Gu is currently in Beijing and has started the process of looking for a manufacturing supply chain. She hopes the device will be available by December next year after a period of rigorous testing. A price point of Canadian $180 (or about Rs 9,200) is under consideration.

Meanwhile, Gu will make her first visit to India later this month. Fittingly, that will largely be devoted to being in Hrishikesh, to "learn yoga from its root."



Life & Style

Christina Grimmie: A star on the rise cut down by gunman

NEW YORK (AP)—Hours after she died, Christina Grimmie's face still beamed from a selfie video she had posted online inviting everyone to be there for her concert Friday night.

"Please come out!" the young singer said, then added with an effervescent lilt, "Bye!"

Minutes after that Orlando, Florida, performance—Grimmie's last—she was shot as she signed autographs.

Thus did a deadly, senseless attack cut down at age 22 a star on the ascent, while leaving fans horrified and at least one fellow singer shaken at the danger that being in the public eye can represent: "Now I'm scared to do meet and greets," tweeted country artist RaeLynn who, like Grimmie, competed on "The Voice."

Grimmie was most widely known from those appearances on "The Voice" two years ago, when she rocked listeners with her renditions of songs including "Wrecking Ball" and "Can't Help Falling in Love," and finished third.

"I'm shocked she didn't actually win season six," said "Voice" host Carson Daly on the "Today" show Saturday.

But by then, Grimmie was already a show-biz veteran and YouTube star.

It all started seven years ago when she posted online a video of herself playing piano and singing "Don't Wanna Be Torn" by Miley Cyrus as television alter ego Hannah Montana.

A scant two years later, in 2011, Entertainment Weekly was crowning her "the veritable queen of YouTube musicians," already with nearly 1 million subscribers (she has 3.2 million now), an EP of original songs (titled "Find Me"), a single ("Advice") that was getting airplay on Radio Disney, and an opening spot touring with Selena Gomez.

She was all of 17.

Her growing success sparked Grimmie's move to Los Angeles, far from her hometown of Marlton, New Jersey.

It was there, in this small community some 20 miles from Philadelphia, that Grimmie found her musical talents. The mayor of her hometown said she was one of the community's "shining stars."

When she was 4, as she told the Marlton Sun in a 2011 article, she would plop herself down at the family's piano—"you know, just press keys. I never thought anything of it." ''I've always sung," she added, "and had a gut feeling I wanted to sing."

She said she posted her first video on YouTube at the urging of a friend who thought she was better than the artists already online. The reception was dizzying.

"But I have God, Jesus Christ, I try to stay as grounded as I possibly can," she told the GlobalGrind website in 2011. "I don't consider myself a famous person, so I just kind of do my thing and my fans love it, and that's what makes me happy."

While she won admirers for her covers of established hits, Grimmie was intent on writing her own songs that expressed her own interests, "not just dancing and getting drunk and blah-blah-blah," as she told Entertainment Weekly. "I wanted to write with feeling and emotion." She felt strongly about preserving a certain wholesome image.

"I've absolutely fought against having to be half-naked to sell a track. It's not me or how I want to do things," she said in 2015. "I've missed several opportunities because I've said no."

She stayed true to that style.

"Christina was a natural, gifted talent that comes along so rarely," wrote Adam Levine, singer and Grimmie's mentor on "The Voice" that brought her to the finals. "She was taken from us too soon

Her level of talent and dedication was "a dangerous combination," her brother, Marcus Grimmie, proudly told The Philadelphia Inquirer in 2014.

It was he who would heroically tackle Kevin James Loibl, the 27-year-old gunman who had opened fire on her, after which Loibl shot and killed himself.

In February, Grimmie released a new EP, "Side A," and in a recent interview just published on the PopCrush website, she looked ahead. To possibly completing a full-length album. To going on another tour. To working with Ariana Grande or One Direction or Justin Bieber, for whom she dreamed of opening: "That would definitely be the crowd I would want to play to."

"I have so much stuff coming up," she said.

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In this March 2, 2016 file photo, Christina Grimmie performs as the opener for Rachel Platten at Center Stage Theater, in Atlanta.

A look at other attacks on celebrities by apparent strangers

By SARA BURNETT
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A 22-year-old singer and former contestant on television's "The Voice" had just given a concert in Orlando when she was shot and killed by a man she didn't appear to know, authorities say.

Orlando Police Chief John Mina said the 27-year-old man apparently traveled from another Florida city to the venue where Christina Grimmie was performing Friday night armed with two guns and a knife and intending to attack her. The man, whose name wasn't immediately released, shot the Evesham Township, N.J., native as she signed autographs for fans. He then shot and killed himself.

Here's a look at other notable incidents in which famous people were attacked by someone they didn't know:

■ John Lennon: The former Beatle was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building in 1980 in a crime that shocked the world. Mark David Chapman, who's serving a sentence of 20 years to life for the killing, said he shot the music icon because he wanted to kill a famous person. During a 2015 parole hearing, Chapman said he considered shooting Johnny Carson or Elizabeth Taylor but opted for Lennon because his apartment was more accessible.

■ Mayu Tomita: Police in Tokyo arrested a 27-year-old man last month after they said he stabbed pop star Mayu Tomita about 20 times near a concert site. Tomita had previously reported to police that Tomohiro Iwazaki was harassing her on social media. Authorities said he admitted he planned to kill the 20-year-old because he was angry she had returned a gift he gave her. Tomita survived but remains hospitalized.

■ Gianni Versace: Versace, a famed fashion designer, was outside his Miami mansion in July 1997 when he was gunned down by Andrew Cunanan. The suspected serial killer eluded authorities for almost three months before the 27-year-old shot himself to death in a houseboat a few miles from Versace's home.

■ Ronald Reagan: Reagan was leaving a Washington, D.C. hotel in 1981 when John Hinckley Jr., who had been waiting outside, began shooting at almost point-blank range. He hit Reagan, his press secretary, a Secret Service agent and a local police officer. Hinckley said he was trying to impress actress Jodie Foster, whom he had become obsessed with and stalked. Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity and sentenced to a mental hospital.

■ Sharon Tate: The actress and pregnant wife of film director Roman Polanski was among five people shot or stabbed to death at her home in Los Angeles in 1969. Cult leader Charles Manson and his followers were later convicted of the killings. They went to the home because of a disagreement Manson had with a producer who used to live there.

■ Rebecca Shaeffer: An obsessed fan shot Shaeffer, a 21-year-old actress and model, at the door of her Los Angeles apartment in 1989. Robert Bardo had written letters and tried to meet the star of the TV show "My Sister Sam" at the studio where she worked. He's serving a life sentence. Shaeffer's death is often credited for sparking tougher anti-stalking laws.

■ Monica Seles: The 19-year-old was the top women's tennis player in the world when a German man and obsessed fan of fellow player Steffi Graf stabbed Seles in the back during a match in Hamburg in 1993. Gunter Parche, 38, said he was looking to help Graf reclaim her No. 1 ranking by taking Seles out of competition for a while. A court gave him a two-year suspended sentence, citing his mental health problems.

■ Theresa Saldana: The "Raging Bull" actress survived a nearly fatal 1982 knife attack by a man who approached her outside her West Hollywood apartment. Arthur Jackson had seen Saldana in other films; he wrote in a diary that he was on a "divine mission" to send Saldana into "eternity." Jackson served 15 years in prison and was then extradited to Britain for another crime.

A Prince wish, Paisley Park eyed for museum like Graceland

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Long before Prince died, he told close friends he wanted to turn his Paisley Park home and studio complex into a museum. Now, the trust company overseeing his estate—likely with the backing of Prince's siblings—is exploring the idea to open it up as a tourist attraction that some have compared with Elvis Presley's Graceland.

Paisley Park, in the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen, already has a large soundstage, two recording studios and the inner sanctum where he lived—the basics for operating as a museum, performance space and recording venue. Since no will has surfaced since Prince's April 21 death of an accidental fentanyl overdose, the final decision will be up to whoever the courts determine will inherit the estate.

Bremer Trust, the special administrator of Prince's estate, received permission from a Carver County judge Wednesday to hire entertainment industry experts to help determine how best to make money off Prince's intellectual property.

Details are contained in an affidavit by Bremer Trust President Craig Ordal, which is now sealed due to confidential business information and the sensitive nature of negotiations. But a filing by an attorney for Carlin Williams, a Colorado prison inmate who claims to be Prince's son, said the affidavit shows that Bremer's plans include hiring experts "on how to manage public tours of the grounds, facilities and buildings located at Paisley Park."

Prince hosted numerous parties and gatherings—some seemingly impromptu—at Paisley Park for years before his death. Shortly after it, his brother-in-law, Maurice

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In this May 2, 2016 file photo, a painting of Prince is displayed on an easel at the flower-covered fence at Paisley Park Studios in Chanhassen, Minn. where pop rock singer Prince died on April 21.

Phillips, told the British tabloid The Sun that the family planned to turn it into a shrine to rival Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee. Longtime Prince collaborator Sheila E told "Entertainment Tonight" that Prince was already working on making it a museum, gathering memorabilia from his career, including his motorcycle from "Purple Rain."

And Jeremiah Freed, aka Dr. Funk and Dr. Funkenberry, a longtime fan and friend of Prince who hosts a podcast and website, said the pop superstar's ideas kept evolving, including ways for fans to hear and see his vast archive of unreleased music and videos, so that it'd be a different experience each time.

Prince had the kind of stature that should generate fan interest for many years, said Meredith Rutledge-Borger, associate curator at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, comparing him with Michael Jackson and John Lennon.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful ambition," she said. "It's going to be a lot of work. But they're ahead of the game because they've got the stuff ... he kept the majority of everything very much to himself."

And she also expressed hope that the complex would continue Prince's philanthropic work by serving as a music education center for young people.

Prince's 1985 song "Paisley Park" spoke of a place where "admission is easy ... come 2 this place in your heart." Any museum needs multiple revenue streams besides ticket sales, said Allan Hammons, who was instrumental in developing both the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Mississippi and the new GRAMMY Museum Mississippi. Such sources can include retail sales and space rentals for meetings and events. It also helps to stage new temporary exhibitions to bring people back, he said.

"You have to be creative, there's no doubt about that," Hammons said. "And you have to work at it constantly."

The Tony Awards will cap a special season of inclusion

NEW YORK (AP)—The year 2015 began with a musical opening downtown that seemed an unlikely subject for a hit show—a hip-hop biography of a Founding Father. On Sunday, this show about American history is expected to make its own history—again.

Despite the presence of new host James Corden and the arrival of Barbra Streisand for the first time since 1970, "Hamilton" will be front and center at the Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre.

The musical is nominated for a record 16 awards—with some of the actors vying in the same categories—and can actually only win 13, which would break the 12-Tony record held by "The Producers."

Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-flavored biography about the first U.S. treasury secretary starring diverse actors has become a cultural phenomenon, bringing attention to Broadway like no other. It has been discussed in the presidential campaign, influenced the debate over the nation's currency and its stars have become regulars on early morning and late-night TV shows.

The Tonys are expected to be a sort of victory lap for a show that has swept every major award. Miranda has already this year won a Pulitzer Prize, a Grammy, the Edward M. Kennedy Prize for Drama Inspired by American History and a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant.

"Hamilton" and the 38 new productions this season helped Broadway's attendance figures hit a record high, up 1.6 percent to 13.3 million ticket buyers. The box offices reported a record total gross of $1.37 billion—up 0.6 percent from the previous season.

In the shadow of "Hamilton" came unusual musical stories for Broadway: an unhappy wife and pie-maker in "Waitress;" the inside story of a forgotten 1920s African-American musical in "Shuffle Along;" and a bluegrass show about an unwed mother in the South in "Bright Star." One of the most dark and twisted shows was "American Psycho," with a knife-wielding hero smeared in blood.

The plays and play revivals included a look at Liberian sex slaves in "Eclipsed," a fractious family's Thanksgiving get-together in "The Humans," a tale about what might happen when the current English queen dies in "King Charles III" and two Arthur Miller unconventional revivals of "The Crucible" and "A View from the Bridge." In one, the actors were barefoot. In the other, a wolf-like dog made a chilling appearance.

Thomas Kail, nominated for a best directing Tony for "Hamilton," said he's noticed a shift away from traditional Broadway fare and an embrace of unconventional tales.

"Inherently what I think Lin's show is saying and what so many of the shows this season are saying is, 'Your story matters.' It can be about a waitress in a little town. It can be about a woman in the South. It can be about a group of dockworkers. It can be about a musical in the 1920s," he said. "We're listening and we heard you and we're responding to that."

Widow's thoughtful beau is generous to a fault

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow and have been seeing someone for two years. He often stays at my home. He treats me well, but we have different tastes in furnishings. He brings me trinkets and tacky accessories from his home that I do not display. My spare bedroom closet is filled with these unwanted items. He knows I can afford to buy the things I like.

Recently he gave me two gifts—both new—neither of which I feel are appropriate for me. I appreciate the thought, but why would he continue to do this? He can clearly see they are not on display in my home, which would indicate I don't like or want them.

This man is not a cheapskate. He takes me for nice dinners, movies, brings flowers and chocolates as well. I don't want to hurt his feelings. Should I continue to accept the gifts and pretend I'm thrilled? I don't want to appear to be ungrateful or spoiled, because he is kind and generous.

JANE DOE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR JANE: Before this man spends any more money on gifts you put in a closet, have a talk with him. Explain that while you appreciate the thought behind the trinkets he gives you, you have different tastes, and suggest that the next time he wants to give you something that you pick it out "together." (It doesn't take a crystal ball to see a yard sale in your future.)

DEAR ABBY: My 85-year-old mother is in a dysfunctional relationship with my 50-year-old, alcoholic brother. He lives with her rent-free and abuses her emotionally and verbally. It has gotten physical at times, although she says he has never hit her.

He was recently arrested for domestic violence against his girlfriend, who is a drug addict. Mom has dialed 911 more than once, but the last time she told the officers it was a "mistake" because he's on probation, and she didn't want him to go to jail.

I'm at a loss about what to do because if I have social services look into it, I risk ruining my relationship with my mom, and she's not in the best of health. Should my siblings and I take a stand, step in and do something about it?

WANTS TO HELP MOM

DEAR WANTS TO HELP: By all means! A report should be made to adult protective services in your state because elder abuse can involve emotional and financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult, as well as physical abuse.

DEAR ABBY: I am a Southern girl born in Virginia, now living in Florida. I have an accent. Why is it that people make fun of your accent when you are from the South, but not from up North?

PONDERING IN FLORIDA

DEAR PONDERING: I'm not sure your assumption is correct. I have heard people imitate Boston and New York accents as well as Southern accents. Years ago, an Australian gentleman used his "American accent" on me, and had me fooled for about 15 minutes. I assume people do this because they think it's funny and not out of a desire to hurt anyone's feelings.

P.S. Isn't imitation the sincerest form of flattery?

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS HIGH IN A TREE BEFORE.
ME EITHER. YOU CAN SEE FOR MILES FROM UP HERE.
I'LL SAY! I'M GLAD WE'RE UP HERE.
THAT WAS QUITE A CRASH, WASN'T IT?

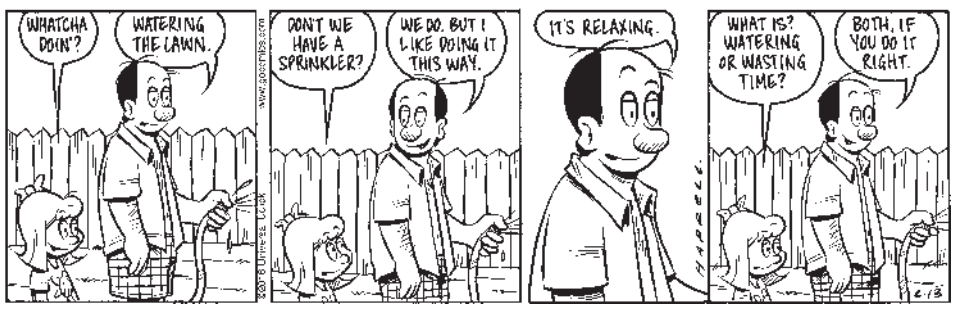
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY I WALKED INTO THIS ROOM
MAYBE IF I WENT OUT, AND CAME BACK IN AGAIN
GREAT. NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY I WALKED INTO THIS ROOM!
JIM DAVIS 6-13

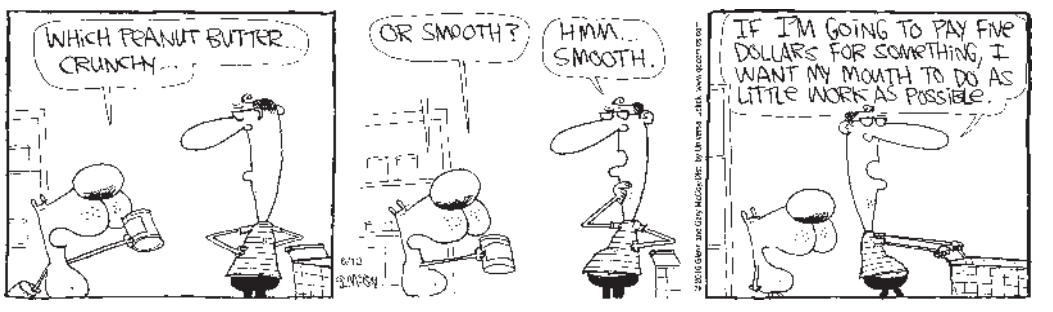
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


WHATCHA DOIN'?
WATERING THE LAWN.
DON'T WE HAVE A SPRINKLER?
WE DO. BUT I LIKE DOING IT THIS WAY.
IT'S RELAXING.
WHAT IS? WATERING OR WASTING TIME?
BOTH, IF YOU DO IT RIGHT.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


WHICH PEANUT BUTTER... CRUNCHY...
OR SMOOTH?
HMM... SMOOTH.
IF I'M GOING TO PAY FIVE DOLLARS FOR SOMETHING, I WANT MY MOUTH TO DO AS LITTLE WORK AS POSSIBLE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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4 Hubbub
7 Urban haze
11 Flightless birds
13 Upper limit
14 Cab
15 Against
16 — Lanka
17 Bard's river
18 Michelangelo masterpiece
20 Rotate
22 QB's goals
24 In-flight
28 Biblical giant
32 Singer Joel
33 Panache
34 "Uh-huh"
36 Houston acronym
37 Vernacular
39 Brussels native
41 Laid down the lawn
43 British rule of India
44 "Topaz" author
46 "Understood!"
50 Gator's kin
53 AAA job
55 Vegas game
56 Sty cry
57 HBO rival
58 Comestibles
59 Poetic tributes
60 Thither
61 Part of LAPD

DOWN
1 Tide type
2 Hotel chain
3 TV remote button
4 Rm. coolers
5 Scurry
6 Poppy drug
7 Continuous source of amusement
8 Dallas hoopster, briefly
9 Tic-tac-toe loser
10 Tonic's mixer
12 Easy targets
19 Oklahoma city
21 Tease
23 Hog haven
25 Jai —
26 "Casablanca" role
27 Pitcher Nolan
28 Hair goops
29 Hodgepodge
30 Crow's-nest cry
31 Center
35 Capita lead-in
38 Not 'neath
40 Trail the pack
42 Scatterbrained (Var.)
45 London neighborhood
47 Blue shade
48 Division word
49 Pitch
50 Dove's call
51 Free (of)
52 Indivisible
54 Triumphed

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Friday's answer 6 - 10

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Happy Birthday: Smart choices will shape your future. Don't fall into the trap of pursuing excess and indulgence. Showing discipline and making calculated moves based on what you actually need will make the difference in the outcome of whatever you pursue. Be good to yourself mentally, physically and emotionally. Romantic decisions will be difficult to make. Your numbers are 5, 9, 22, 27, 34, 39, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Don't wait for things to come to you —get started and make things happen. Discuss your plans with those directly linked to your chosen goal. An opportunity will surface through someone you encounter. Travel and educational pursuits will lead to success. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: You'll have to push your way to the top if you want to get anywhere. Don't get angry with someone for not knowing how to do something. Patience will work far better and teach you something while you lend a helping hand.✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: Keep an open mind. Problems while networking will arise if you make assumptions or believe everything you hear. Rely on your instincts to help you make a decision. Romance will provide you with an interesting revelation. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Work on creative endeavors or unusual projects while you wait for something else to unfold. Don't let emotions take over when dealing with money matters. Do what's in your best interest and don't look back. ✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Get involved in a fundraiser or event that will facilitate your meeting influential people. A creative partnership will develop if you use your negotiating skills to push for what you want to see happen. Romance is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Proceed with caution. Someone will use your personal information to make you look bad. Don't disclose anything that might give someone the upper hand. Protect your possessions and your reputation. Explore the activities that interest you. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Don't hesitate to bring about positive change. Act on your principles and your desires. Much can be accomplished if you use the experience you've gained to make a difference. Travel, romance and learning are all favored.✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: A realistic approach to dealing with others will help, but don't let what others say stifle your imagination. Try to distinguish yourself from everyone else when placed in a competitive situation. Your uniqueness and authenticity will lead you to success. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Don't make decisions based on what others do or say. Stick close to home and avoid dealing with people from different backgrounds. Stabilize your relationships by offering incentives and a helping hand. Update your appearance. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Your insight will guide you, but your emotions will lead you astray. Look at every situation you face in a practical way, and you will come up with a workable plan that will be in your best interest. Don't follow others. ✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Protect what you've got when it comes to love. Say what's on your mind and you will dodge a problem. Home improvements coupled with family fun will encourage greater stability for you and the ones you love. Financial gains look promising. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Don't give in to anyone putting demands on you. Take care of your physical and mental well-being. Travel will result in delays and unexpected expenses. Protect your possession, assets and investments. Hang out with the people you share common interests with. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are creative, intelligent and crave excitement. You are entertaining and irresistible.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Warriors go for one victory that matters

AP
Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr answers questions during a news conference after Game 4 of the NBA basketball Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers, early Saturday, June 11, 2016, in Cleveland. The Warriors won, 108-97.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Golden State has now won 88 games this season, when factoring in the regular season and the playoffs. That's another NBA record to add to its collection, one more than the Chicago Bulls totaled in their 1995-96 season.

It's unclear if the Warriors even noticed.

The next win is the only one that really matters to them.

They're now on the brink of back-to-back championships, and their first opportunity to close out their record-setting season in the only acceptable manner is set for Monday night on their home floor at Oracle Arena. The Warriors earned that right by coming into Cleveland and beating the Cavaliers 108-97 in Game 4 on Friday night, a win that gave Golden State a commanding 3-1 lead in the series.

"It's going to be our biggest game of the year, obviously," two-time reigning NBA MVP Stephen Curry said. "We always talk about just because we're going home doesn't mean you can relax or take things for granted. You work all regular season to have home-court advantage, and this is a great opportunity for us, and we need to play with a sense of urgency and a sense of aggression."

In other words, exactly as they did in Game 4.

The Warriors seemed to have grown tired of questions about their star backcourt's ineffectiveness. Golden State set an NBA Finals record with 17 3-pointers on Friday night, outscoring the Cavaliers by 33 points from beyond the arc. Curry, who didn't have as much as a 20-point game in any of the first three matchups in this series, had 38. Klay Thompson had 25, many of them coming at the biggest points in the game.

Here's an oddity: The Warriors shot 47 percent from 3-point range, 36 percent from 2-point range. Weird, but it was good enough. The Larry O'Brien Trophy will be flying cross-country to Oakland on Saturday, and Golden State will have a chance to mussy it up with joyous fingerprints and champagne baths on Monday night.

"If you don't get up for that, there's something wrong with you," Thompson said. "We can't wait to get to Oracle on Monday. I've been fortunate to play there for five years and we really do have the best fans in the league. They probably won't have ever seemed as excited before as when we get to Monday."

It's hard to win an NBA title, harder still to go back-to-back. Only six franchises in league history have pulled that trick off, Golden State now in line to be the seventh.

On paper years from now, it'll seem like it was easy. They've only made it look that way.

The Finals

It'll eventually be forgotten that this team spent half a season without head coach Steve Kerr because of back trouble, that Curry got hurt twice in the playoffs, that the Warriors trailed Oklahoma City 3-1 in the Western Conference finals and were essentially left for dead in that series.

Only 10 teams in NBA history have rallied from 3-1 down, and the Warriors just doing it has to remind the Cavaliers that it's possible.

Problem is, the Warriors just doing it also has reminded them that it's possible. Friday night, they left Quicken Loans Arena for what they hope was the final time this season talking about playing with the appropriate fear and respect that teams can carry into any closeout game.

"I've already told our guys Game 5 will be the hardest game of the series," Kerr said. "Every closeout game is difficult, but when you're at home, for a strange reason it's even more difficult. You've got, you know, everybody in your ear, you've got friends, you've got family who want to come to the game and want to discuss everything.

"We have to understand that this series is not over. We came in and did what we wanted to do getting the split, but Game 5 will be extremely difficult."

True, for a lot of reasons.

Foremost among them, the Cavaliers—who know no team has escaped a 3-1 hole ever in an NBA Finals—still have LeBron James.

His second ring in 2013 with Miami came when the Heat needed to win two elimination games in the finals to oust the San Antonio Spurs in what became a dramatic seven-game matchup, highlighted by Ray Allen's overtime-forcing 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6.

The chips are obviously stacked a lot higher against James this time.

"We've already got to take a flight home back anyways, so we might as well come home with a win and play on our home floor again," James said, not long after Cavs coach Tyronn Lue offered similar sentiments. "Being a confident bunch, we feel like the chips have been stacked up against us all year anyway."

Never more so than right now.

Either way, the ending of this series will be historic.

Either Cleveland does something no team has done, or Golden State will repeat and be poised to become a dynasty.

"It's probably going to be even more intense on Monday," Curry said. "So we're prepared for it, and it's going to be a fun night."

LeBron, Cavaliers on the ropes after Game 4 loss

CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James said Game 4 was another "do-or-die" scenario for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

He can only hope he was wrong.

The NBA Finals have all but slipped away from James and the Cavaliers, an offensive disaster of a fourth quarter their undoing in what became a 108-97 loss to the Golden State Warriors in Game 4 on Friday night. Cleveland now trails the series 3-1, a deficit that no team has ever successfully overcome in the championship round.

Game 5 is Monday in Oakland, where the defending champion Warriors are 50-3 this season. If Cleveland is going to pull off this miracle, it'll need to win there twice.

So it's not over.

It only seems that way, and James' all-too-familiar June nightmare is one loss away from being officially complete—though he certainly didn't sound Friday night that the series was over.

"We feel like the chips have been stacked up against us all year anyway," James said.

This is James' seventh trip to the finals, and barring the most improbable of comebacks this will be his fifth time watching someone else hoist the Larry O'Brien Trophy. He'll likely be blamed for yet another setback, even though he's averaging 24.7 points, 11 rebounds and 9.3 assists in this series. He told the Cavaliers to follow his lead, took the blame when they fell behind 2-0 in the series, has tried to say and do all the right things.

"We're just trying our best," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "He's a freight train out there. We have certain rules and we're trying to follow our rules ... but no matter what you do, he's going to have a huge stat line and he's going to impact the game 1,000 different ways."

True, but the Warriors are one win from denying him again. It went six games last year when the Cavaliers didn't have Kevin Love for the entirety of the series and Kyrie Irving for most of the matchup. This one could end in five even though Irving has played well for much of this matchup and Love returned to the lineup for Game 4 after missing essentially six quarters with a concussion.

"If you don't think we can win, don't get on the plane," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said, when asked what the approach is now. "I just think we've got to come back anyway, so we might as well come back and play. We've got to come back to Cleveland, don't we?"

Cleveland was threatening to take control early in the third of Game 4, leading by eight. Less than 30 seconds later, the lead was down to two.

The Warriors suddenly had life. Cleveland's lead was 83-81 when James scored with 10:21 left, and it was about seven minutes before the Cavaliers managed another field goal. A 12-1 run in the fourth put the Warriors on top for good, and that 11-point margin was the exact difference between the teams when time expired.

"I went with my best players in the fourth quarter ... and it didn't work," Lue said.

All James could do then was glumly slap hands with a few of his teammates, his face hardly showing any emotion. Fans started leaving long before the final horn, quite possibly for the final time this season.

The Eastern Conference championship banner for this season is already swaying from the rafters in Quicken Loans Arena, and "2015-16" has been added to the banner displaying Central Division titles next to that one.

James delivered those. The one he wants most may be out of reach, but the Warriors aren't writing him off.

"At any moment, the guy can just turn into an uncontainable player," Warriors guard Andre Iguodala said. "You've got to have the appropriate fear."

A team that calls the Cavs' arena home might win a championship this weekend, though it won't exactly become worldwide news if the Lake Erie Monsters— the Columbus Blue Jackets' affiliate in the American Hockey League—finish off a sweep of the Hershey Bears and hoist the Calder Cup on Saturday night.

It'll be nice, but it's not the title Cleveland craves.

Since the Cleveland Browns won their last football title in 1964—the championship game wasn't even known as the Super Bowl then—Cleveland has experienced 147 NBA, NFL, MLB and NHL opening days with title dreams that ultimately were dashed. (Yes, an NHL team was briefly here.) Over that span, 56 different franchises in the four biggest U.S. sports leagues have at least one championship.

US reaches quarters with win over Paraguay

AP
United States' Clint Dempsey, center, scores a goal past Paraguay's Justo Villar, right, and Fabian Balbuena during the first half of a Copa America Group A soccer match Saturday, June 11, 2016, in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Protecting a lead after Clint Dempsey's first-half goal, the United States' Copa America planning was suddenly upended.

DeAndre Yedlin got a pair of yellow cards 57 seconds apart just into the second half for two rash tackles, forcing the U.S. to play a man short against Paraguay for what turned out to be 49 fretful minutes.

Defenders held the back line, goalkeeper Brad Guzan made an outstanding double save in the 82nd minute and the U.S. held on for a 1-0 victory Saturday night to reach the Copa America quarterfinals.

"We stuck together," defender Geoff Cameron said. "Everybody sacrificed."

Hosting a special expanded 100th anniversary edition of South America's championship, the Americans (2-1) won Group A on goal difference over Colombia (2-1), which was upset 3-2 by already eliminated Costa Rica. By finishing first, the Americans may avoid a quarterfinal matchup with Brazil.

The U.S. plays Thursday night at Seattle, most likely against Ecuador or Peru, with the matchup to be determined by Sunday's Group B finals.

"I think that we could possibly do something special here," Dempsey said.

With the Americans playing for the third time in nine days, U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann started the same lineup for the third straight game—something done only once before in U.S. national team history, in its three matches at the 1930 World Cup.

Dempsey scored for the second straight game, getting his 51st international goal in the 27th minute to move six behind Landon Donovan's American scoring record.

Gyasi Zardes received a pass from Michael Bradley, ran along the left flank and slowed. Marked by Paulo Da Silva, who made his record 137th appearance for Paraguay, and Victor Ayala, Zardes spurted to the endline and crossed. Dempsey sprinted into the penalty area as the trailing runner and from 8 yards one-timed a left-footed shot past the leg of sliding defender Fabian Balbuena and under the left arm of diving goalkeeper Justo Villar.

Yedlin got his first yellow in the 47th for a slide tackle from the side into Miguel Almiron near the center circle. When play resumed, he raised a foot and charged into Miguel Samudio near the sideline. Chilean referee Julio Bascunan immediately gave a second yellow, and the 22-year-old Yedlin lifted both arms wide as if to say, why me?

"He got caught emotionally," Klinsmann said. "He just lost his head for a second."

Yedlin, the first U.S. player to receive a red card in a competitive match since Michael Bradley at the 2009 Confederations Cup, walked by reporters without stopping to answer questions.

Because of goal difference, Paraguay needed to win in order to advance. Michael Orozco entered to replace Yedlin at right back in the 50th minute, and Dempsey came off as the U.S. prepared to survive an onslaught during the rest of the half, which included six minutes of stoppage time.

"It's huge discipline. It's huge work rate," Guzan said. "Everyone needs to be on the same page. And when you play a man down in the conditions like they were tonight, for so long, for 45 minutes, it's always going to be hard."

With Paraguay applying pressure, Klinsmann repeatedly turned to try to spur on the crowd of 51,041.

Brooks made a sliding tackle to knock the ball away from Almiron on a 3-on-1 break in the 11th minute, and Guzan parried Derlis Gonzalez's short-range, angled header in the 18th.

That was just a prelude.

Of Guzan's seven saves, the best were in the 82nd minute, a sliding body stop on Jorge Benitez's 4-yard shot followed by a kick save on Almiron's 6-yard attempt off the rebound.

"You sit there biting your nails," Dempsey said. "Certain plays, you're wanting the ball to go out of bounds. You want people to kind of take their time and be smart how they manage the game."

Klinsmann reveled in one of the team's bigger wins since he took over in 2011.

"This," he said, "is a huge statement to teams in South America or whoever watches it on TV."

Posey's walkoff single in 10th lifts Giants past Dodgers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Joe Panik hit a game-tying single off Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen with one out in the 10th inning and scored on Buster Posey's RBI single, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Dodgers 5-4 on Saturday night.

Adrian Gonzalez homered leading off the 10th to put the Dodgers up 4-3 before the Giants rallied to win with four consecutive hits off Jansen (2-2).

Denard Span started the comeback with a one-out double. Panik singled in Span to tie the game and Brandon Belt followed with a bloop single to right. Posey then lined an 0-1 pitch to left center and Panik scored easily.

Chris Stratton, the ninth pitcher used by Giants manager Bruce Bochy, retired three batters for his first major league win.

Royals 4, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Cheslor Cuthbert hit a pair of solo home runs, Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings and Kansas City ended an eight-game losing streak by beating Chicago.

Kendrys Morales also homered as the World Series champion Royals stopped their longest slide since an eight-game skid in May 2013.

Rangers 2, Mariners 1, 11 innings

In Seattle, Rougned Odor's solo home run off reliever Mike Montgomery in the 11th inning lifted Texas over Seattle.

Prince Fielder's two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth inning forced the game into extra frames.

Angels 4, Indians 3

In Anaheim, Yunel Escobar lined a game-ending RBI single in the ninth inning after closer Huston Street blew Matt Shoemaker's gem, and Los Angeles beat Cleveland to end a five-game losing streak.

Shoemaker struck out 11 over eight scoreless innings, but Street blew a three-run lead in the top of the ninth.

Diamondbacks 5, Marlins 3

In Phoenix, Michael Bourn homered to start a four-run sixth inning and Arizona ended Jose Fernandez's streak of eight consecutive victories by beating Miami.

Fernandez (9-3) retired the first 17 batters he faced before giving up five straight hits and lost for the first time since April 23.

Cubs 8, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Jake Arrieta allowed only four hits in seven strong innings and, backed by four homers, made an impressive return to winning form for Chicago.

Arrieta (10-1) allowed two runs in his answer to his first loss of the season. He also had two hits.

Red Sox 15, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Xander Bogaerts tacked four more hits onto his majors-most total, including a two-run homer as Boston broke away late.

The highest-scoring team in the majors managed to post a season high in runs, with five apiece in the eighth and ninth against league-worst Minnesota.

Tigers 6, Yankees 1

In New York, Ian Kinsler homered and drove in a career-high five runs, and Justin Verlander finally won in the new Yankee Stadium.

Verlander (6-5) allowed one run in 6 2/3 innings to snap New York's five-game winning streak. He had been 0-4 with a 4.84 ERA in seven starts at this park, which opened in 2009.

Cardinals 5, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Carlos Martinez pitched into the ninth inning for his third consecutive win and Matt Holliday had a three-run homer among his three hits for St. Louis.

The Cardinals won for the sixth time in seven games. Pittsburgh lost its fourth in a row.

Blue Jays 11, Orioles 6

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit two more homers and drove in five runs for Toronto.

Encarnacion snapped an 0-for-19 slump by ending Friday's game with a leadoff homer in the 10th.

Astros 4, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Carlos Gomez and Luis Valbuena hit solo home runs to back the pitching of Mike Fiers and lead Houston.

Fiers (4-3) wound up with the win when the Astros held on in the ninth. Down by two runs, Tampa Bay loaded the bases with no outs, but scored just once.

Nationals 8, Phillies 0

In Washington, Tanner Roark pitched seven sharp innings and made a rare contribution with his bat to help surging Washington.

Stephen Drew and Anthony Rendon had two RBI apiece for the first-place Nationals, who have won nine of 12.

Reds 2, Athletics 1

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce hit a two-run homer off Daniel Mengden, who made his major league debut after a speedy rise through the minors, and Cincinnati sent Oakland to its seventh straight loss.

Oakland has dropped all seven on the road.

Brewers 7, Mets 4

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun hit two home runs, starting pitcher Wily Peralta had another and Milwaukee used five homers to beat New York.

Braun ended an 0-for-15 skid with his long ball in the third inning. Scooter Gennett and Chris Carter also connected to help the Brewers end a six-game losing streak to the Mets.

Rockies 5, Padres 3

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon hit a tiebreaking solo homer off the foul pole in the fifth and Tyler Chatwood effectively threw into the seventh for Colorado.

Carlos Gonzalez had a three-run homer in the first and an RBI single in the fifth for the Rockies.

Chatwood (8-4) threw 6 2/3 innings and gave up three runs. Carlos Estevez earned his first career save.

Ali's cemetery opens to public; fans pay homage

BOXING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—He carried a dozen roses into Cave Hill Cemetery and headed for a patch of grass in the back corner that seemed too ordinary for the man buried beneath it.

Farzam Farrokhi had worried there would be a horde of people Saturday morning elbowing for a place among the first to see Muhammad Ali's grave.

Instead he found a quiet and reverent stream of visitors. There was not yet a headstone marking the spot. No rope cordoned off those wishing to kneel, pray or kiss the grave.

It would have looked like any unremarkable rectangle of fresh sod had people not been snapping photos. A few brought flowers, one left a tiny set of boxing gloves. A man unfurled an Islamic flag and laid it alongside the grave.

Farrokhi, a native of Iran, drove 12 hours from his home in Queens, New York, for Ali's funeral. He was grateful for no massive crowds so he could sit and reflect on the life and the death of The Greatest, who suffered for years with Parkinson's disease.

"I can't imagine a heart like Ali's being stuck in a body where he can't do what he wants to do. Now he can be free," he said. "Maybe he's shaking up the next world already."

Ali was buried Friday in a corner of his hometown's historic Cave Hill Cemetery, 300 acres famous for its beauty and wildlife.

Ali picked the site himself. He toured the cemetery's twisting paths and towering trees and decided on this spot just across from a flower patch and a lake, with a fountain that babbles day and night. Four geese moseyed across the road nearby Saturday morning.

His headstone will be simple when it's installed, in keeping with Muslim tradition. It will be inscribed with just one word: Ali.

Jake and Janell Bessler drove from Evansville to see it Saturday. On the way, they told their 4-week-old daughter, Violet, sleeping in her car seat, about the boxing great and what he meant to the world.

AP

Miniature boxing gloves left by Yusuf Anac, a Turk now living in Bochum, Germany, lie on the grave of boxing great Muhammad Ali, Saturday, June 11, 2016, in Louisville, Ky. Cave Hill Cemetery opened to the public Saturday, the day after Ali's burial.

Philippine Airlines, Triple J join HANMI sponsors list

The list of hole-in-one prizes for 15th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament continues to grow as Triple J Motors pledged a 2016 Mazda 3 Hatchback and Philippine Airlines donated two round-trip tickets from Saipan to Manila.

These prizes and more will be up for grabs at the tournament set for this Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"We thank Philippine Airlines and Triple J Motors for their support of the charitable activities of HANMI provided for by our annual golf tournament," said tournament chair Paul Park. "We're looking forward to a great event next Saturday and encouraging everyone to register on or before the early bird deadline on June 15 as registration is filling up quickly."

Other hole-in-prizes include $20,000 from Century Tours, a 2016 Toyota Yaris Hatchback from AK Toyota, $10,000 from Pacifica Insurance, a round-trip airline ticket to anywhere Asiana Airlines flies, $10,000 worth of one-year personal accident insurance coverage from Century Insurance, Chivas Regal from Titan Imports and Samcorp Imports, and a Samsung S7 from IT&E. Numerous prizes including hotel stays and other gift certificates will be raffled at the event awards ceremony.

Registration forms are available at www.saipanhotels.org, as well as at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Country Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Hyatt Regency Saipan. Early bird tournament fee is $110 for payments received by 3 pm June 15. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to $130 after the early bird deadline. For an additional $30, players may also compete in nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and most accurate drive circle hole contests. The tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament format is Blackjack Double Peoria. Winners of the first to fifth place will each receive $500 and a hotel room night stay at HANMI member hotels; sixth to 10th placers will each get $300 and a dinner gift certification; and the 11th to 15th finishers will take home $200 and a lunch gift certification. Five consolations prizes of $100 each will also be awarded to the golfers. ***(PR)***

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Philippine Airlines marketing activation team's Paulo Garcia, right, donates a round trip ticket from Saipan to Manila to HANMI representative Das Krisnan for the 15th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament slated this Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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Triple J Motors general manager Randy Steele, fourth left, presents the 2016 Mazda 3 Hatchback to HANMI representatives as his company's donation (hole-in-one prize) for the 15th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament slated this Saturday.

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1.27 ERA. The Aces' Michael Muna is ranked third with his 1.32 ERA. He has pitched the most innings so far at 47.2 and allowed only seven runs.

The BSI Aces pitcher also leads in strikeouts with 64, while the Falcons' Frankie Lieto and the Brewers' Vince Cepeda are tied for second with 37 apiece. The Yankees' Peter Lieto is at third place with his 36 strikes, followed by the Bears' Jose Lizama Jr. (33) and the Brewers' Verlance Secharmidal (26).

In other statistics, the Aces' Juan Iguel joins A.J. Lizama, and Peyton Lizama in a three-way tie for the runs lead, as the trio has 20 each. There is also a deadlock for the most triples with the Aces' Lamarc Iguel and Saralu getting four each.

Saralu is also on top of the doubles category with his 6, just up by one against Lizama Jr. (3), Tomokane, Alepuyo, and A.J. Lizama have four apiece. In the home run division, only two players have so far rounded the bases with Lamarc Iguel and Saruli posting one home run apiece. In the RBIs category, A.J. Lizama's 19 lead Saralu and Tudela's 17 and 15, respectively.

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twin-digit deficit, T Galleria never gave up and this time it was Brendon Talania who anchored the squad's fightback, knocking in 9 points. De Dios chipped in 7, while Guaib's basket under the one-minute mark of regulation tied the match and gave T Galleria a chance to make it to the semi-finals.

Guaib, who just scored 2 points in the first three quarters, continued his heroics in the extension, drilling a pair of field goals, while Ivan Devero and Talania contributed 3 markers each.

IT&E, on the other hand, was held to one field goal off Errol Peredo's basket and two charities from Angel Fernando.

With the close win, T Galleria set a semis duel against MJD tonight at 6:30pm.

Meanwhile, the second semis matchup at 8pm will have DFEMS challenging Pacific Islands Club as the former defeated Best Sunshine International, 79-71, in last Friday's quarterfinal tiff.

Ben Lisua towed BFEMS to the Final Four after firing a game-high 28 points. Josh Sablan backed him up, chipping in 20, 18 of them came from beyond the arc.

Arvin Fernandez led BSI's losing cause, scoring 24.

First Game

T Galleria 81— De Dios 19, Talania 19, Devero 16, Esdrelon 12, Guiab 10, Espana, Manalo 2.

IT&E 75 — Pagarao 31, Deleon Guerrero 13, Santos 11, Fernando 8, Peredo 4, Berline 3, Manalo 2, Bernal 2.

Scoring by quarters: 2-16, 37-39, 47-57, 71-71, 81-75 (OT).

Second Game

DFEMS 79 — Lisua 28, Sablan 20, Pua 14, Santos 11, Rabauliman 4, Deleon Guerrero 2.

BSI 71 — A. Fernandez 24, Guiang 18, Demapan 13, Tudela 6, Anonuevo 4, J. Fernandez 4, Badal 3,

Scoring by quarters: 10-14, 38-35, 51-51, 79-71.

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player Mimi Sakano is doing very well. We've been dominating this tournament in the past several years and I am positive we will do great this year again," Race added.

The CNMI junior players will be competing in singles and doubles events in the three age groups against the representatives of Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Woo and Paik are seeded third and fourth in the boys U12 singles, which has Guam's Andrew Leng and FSM's Freddy Jerson as the Top 2 seeds. In the girls U12, Coume Kaga is the top-ranked, ahead of Guam's Kaia Malikooti and FSM's Paris Panuel and Ridianne Wolphagen.

In the boys U14, the CNMI owns the Top 2 seeds with Schorr ranked first and Kim second. In the girls category, Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, and Raulerson are seeded No. 1, 2, and 3, while FSM's Anne Skilling complete the list.

In the boys U16, Ren and Tudela earned the No. 3 and 4 seedings, respectively, joining Guam's Camden Camacho and FSM's Michael Ren. FSM has the top seed player in the girls U16 in Sunshine Palik, while Sakano is ranked second.

Majority of the age groups competitions in the singles event will have a pool play format in the elimination round and players are divided into groups. The boys U12 singles has four groups, while the girls division has only two. In the U14 division, female players are also divided into groups, while the seven entries in the boys category will play in a round-robin format. The girls and boys U16 singles have two and four pools, respectively.

Matches will be played at the Pacific Islands Club, which is the event's headquarters, and at Kanoa Resort.

2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships

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Several member of the CNMI Team pose for a photo at the arrival area of the Saipan International Airport after competing in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Pohnpei early this month.

Jerald Castillo, center, is all smiles after winning the gold medal in the boys U18 100m run.

Chloe Salvosa lands on the sand during the long jump event.

Zarinae receives her silver medal in the 400m run from an Oceania Athletics Association official.

Runners in the 100m race sprint to the finish line.

Ben Jones participates in the long jump.

Bernadette Horey competes in the girls U18 long jump.

Leo Cristobal, running fourth, races in the 1,500m run.

Nick Gross competes in the javelin throw.

Warriors go for one victory that matters

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T Galleria nips IT&E in OT

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T Galleria's Marlon De Dios, center, attempts a shot over the outstretched arms of IT&E's Bruce Berline left, while the latter's teammate Lerio Pagarao looks on during the second quarter of their playoff game in the intergovernment/business caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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T Galleria stole the semis berth from IT&E after pulling off an 81-75 overtime win in their playoff game in the 2016 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Junar Guiab canned the equalizer in regulation and then scored 4 points in the extra period to hand T Galleria the third semis ticket and eliminate IT&E, which bungled an 16-point advantage in the first half.

IT&E held T Galleria to a field goal in the first quarter for a 16-2 lead and made it an 18-2 spread after Edwin Santos started the second frame with a pair of charities. However, T Galleria began working its way back into the game after that and cut the deficit to a deuce at halftime, 37-39.

Marlon De Dios, who tallied T Galleria's 2 points in the first period, had 10 markers in the second to lead his team's recovery. He also drew enough support from his teammates to bring IT&E's lead down to single digit.

However, IT&E regained the double-figure advantage at the end of the third, 57-47, behind the 11 markers of Lerio Pagarao.

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Strong CNMI Team begins bid today

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A strong CNMI Junior Tennis Team will start its campaign today in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships.

The host squad is composed of U16 players Michael Ren, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, Jeffrey Seo, Allan Lee, Mimi Sakano, and Grace Choi, U14's Robbie Schorr, Tony Kim, Ken Song, Sean Lee, Eugene Park, Sam Ryu, Malika Miyawaki, Asia Raulerson, Conatsu Kaga, Maria Gregoire, and Riko Ojima, and U12's, Jimin Woo, Seung Jin Paik, Richard Steele, Rintaro Miyawaki, Anthony Gregoire, Seung Won Lee, Andy Kim, Jae Hoon Son, Min Gi Jung, Coume Kaga, Anika Camacho, JC Ferrer, Katie Choi, Marielle Lopez.

"I am confident with our players chances in this tournament," coach Jeff Race said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

"We have the strongest U14 team both in the boys and girls divisions. Our U16

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Ken Song will be playing in the boys U14 singles event of the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships beginning today at the Pacific Islands Club.

Bears players lead SBL batting, pitching races

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With the Chalan Kanoa bears unbeaten in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League, it is no longer surprising that their players are also ahead in the batting and pitching races.

As of June 8, the Bears A.J. Lizama is on top of the batting charts with his .490 average, built around his 24-for-49 performance at bat. Four other players have at least .400 batting average to make it to the Top 5. The list includes the Yankees' Franco Nakamura (20-for-43/.465), the BSI Aces' Ben Jones Jr. (16-for-36/.444), the Brewers' Nokki Saralu (22-for-55/ .423), and the BSI Aces' John Tudela (17-for-22/ .405).

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears huddle during an earlier game in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Brewers' Pat Alepuyo (.396), North Starz's Roke Tenorio (.396), Brewers' Anthony Tenorio (.393), Bears' Henry Lizama (.366), North Starz's John Quitugua (.364), Yankees' Gary Cruz (.361), Aces' Lamarc Iguel (.360), Falcons' Giovanni Mira (.351), Yankees' Peter Tomokane (.349), and the Aces' Darion Kones (.343) rounded out the Top 15 batters leaders, which were based on 30 or more times at bat.

In the pitching race, the Bears' Jeffrey Lizama enjoys the top view with his 0.95 ERA. He pitched 28.1 innings and allowed only three runs. Jeffrey's teammate and the batting leader A.J. Lizama also gave up three runs in 21.1 innings pitch for a second-best

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